

...2000 Town Report



Bennington, N.H.

In Memoriam



Virginia L. Young

On October 3, 2000 Bennington lost one of its most energetic and popular citizens in the death of Ginny Young.

An admired and respected teacher to hundreds of Bennington youngsters, she devoted much of her retirement years to the work of the Dodge Library.

She is missed.

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ANNUAL REPORTS
of
TOWN OFFICERS
of
BENNINGTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III

Term Expires 2002

SELECTMEN

James W. Cleary, Chairman

Term Expires 2001

Philip R. Germain

Term Expires 2002

Terry D. Schnare

Term Expires 2003

TOWN CLERK

Valerie Germain

Term Expires 2001

TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner

Term Expires 2001

TAX COLLECTOR

Denise P. French

Appointed

ROAD AGENT

David Blanchard

Appointed

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Virginia Young

Deceased

Michelle Hautanen

Term Expires 2001

Carrie Whittemore

Term Expires 2001

Lise Lemieux

Term Expires 2002

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Appointed by Selectmen

Robert Horn, Warden

Mark Chase, Deputy

Dominic Collemacine, Deputy

Allan Wilson, Deputy

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph MacGregor

Term Expires 2003

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator

Harvey Goodwin
James Henderson

Lucien Lizotte
Robyn Manley

Jane Handy

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Phil Germain

John Paradise

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dawn A. Bond
Darlene McKenney
Victoria L. Turner

Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2006

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Roy Johnson, Chairman
Francesco Carrara
Mae Lizotte

Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2003

OFFICER OF HEALTH/WELFARE

Barbara Huntley

Appointed

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Stephen Campbell

Appointed

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

William B. Reid

Appointed

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Charles E. Zabriskie, Jr.
Philip Traxler
Jill Young

Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2003

PLANNING BOARD

Frank Cordelle	Term Expires 2001
Peter Eppig, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Letitia A. Rice	Term Expires 2001
Terry Shields	Term Expires 2001
Phil Germain, ex-officio	Term Expires 2001
Gayle Rochford (Resigned)	Term Expires 2003
Catriona D.M. Beck (Alternate)	Term Expires 2003

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Beck, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Jane Handy	Term Expires 2001
Glenn Dow	Term Expires 2002
Barbara Goodwin	Term Expires 2002
Francesco Carrara	Term Expires 2003

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Chester D. Heinzman, Jr.	Appointed
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Bruce Edes	Term Expires 2001
Joseph MacGregor	Term Expires 2001
Dennis McKenney	Term Expires 2001
Terry Schnare	Term Expires 2001
Peter Eppig	Term Expires 2001
Jonathan Manley, Chairman	Term Expires 2001

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi	Peter Eppig	John French
Philip Germain	Harvey Goodwin	Roy Johnson
Joseph MacGregor, Chairman		Philip Germain, ex-officio

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Roy Johnson	Term Expires 2001
David Rochford (Resigned)	Term Expires 2002
John French	Term Expires 2003

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Appointed by Selectmen

Joyce Desaulniers	Term Expires 2003
David Parker	Term Expires 2003
Brian Whittemore	Term Expires 2003
Cilla Roberts, Alternate	Term Expires 2003

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dominic Collemacine, Chief	Term Expires 2001
Mark Chase, First Deputy	Term Expires 2001
Allan Wilson, Second Deputy	Term Expires 2001

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Deborah Belcher	Valerie Germain
Bruce Edes	Deborah Page
Richard Page	Phil Germain, Co-Chairman
Sfa Whittemore, Co-Chairman	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Terry Schnare	Peter Read (Resigned)	Richard Verney
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HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

David Blanchard	Stephen Campbell
John Cronin	William Reid

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the sixth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1 p.m. The polls will close at 7 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board relating to telecommunications facilities? The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.
3. Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board relating to impact fees? The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.
4. Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board relating to minimum acreage and frontage for buildable lots? The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.
5. Shall the Town accept as a public highway, and assume the responsibility for maintenance of "Birch Glen Drive" so-called, beginning at Francestown Road (State Route 47) and terminating at its cul de sac, a distance of approximately three thousand two hundred (3,200) feet as described on the Town of Bennington Planning Board Subdivision Approval Map dated May 8, 1988 (Dufresne-Henry Inc.) and in accordance with such terms as the Board of Selectmen may determine?
6. Shall the Town accept as a public highway and assume the responsibility for the maintenance of a section of "Paradise Drive", so-called, a distance of approximately nine hundred seventy-five (975) feet, beginning at the north boundary of Lot 3-7, all as described in a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land Phase III John and Brenda Paradise, December 11, 1994 revised March 19, 1995"?

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, and other appropriations voted separately for the purposes set forth therein, totaling eight hundred ninety-eight thousand three hundred eighteen dollars (\$898,318)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be eight hundred fifteen thousand five hundred two dollars (\$815,502), exclusive of special articles, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

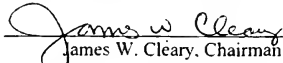
Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

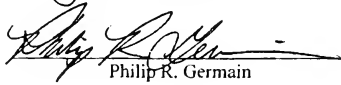
8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) as its share of year 2001 programming for Project LIFT, which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington citizens over 16 years of age?
9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$5,700) for additional survey, marking and repair work at Evergreen Cemetery?
10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand two hundred seventy two dollars (\$7,272) for purchase of a replacement defibrillator for the Fire Department/Rescue Squad?
11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to continue the work begun in 2000 of shifting West Deering Road's centerline away from the river and in stabilizing the riverbank?
12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand five-hundred dollars (\$14,500) for the purpose of replacing the sidewalk on the west side of Main Street between Acre Street and School Street and, in addition, emplacement of granite curbing over the same distance, three hundred fifty (350) feet?
13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand nine hundred seventy four dollars (\$5,974) for the purpose of hanging lateral beams connecting the guardrail posts emplaced in 2000 along the river side of Antrim Road?
14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created by vote of the 2000 Town Meeting - Article 13?

Note: The total cost of replacing the Antrim-Bennington Bridge quoted in last year's Article 13 was in error. The correct amount of funding needed from each community is \$95,000. The Selectmen recommend accumulation of this amount over several years through Capital Reserve Fund appropriations.

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend up to sixty-one thousand dollars (\$61,000) from that fund for purchase of a new backhoe/loader?
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?
18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?
19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?
20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?
24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?
25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Expendable Trust Fund?
26. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repainting the exterior of the Town Hall?
27. Shall the Town create a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as "Emergency Radios Fund" to meet the anticipated expense of mandated conversion of Town-owned radios from analog to digital and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in that fund?

Given under our hands and seal this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one.

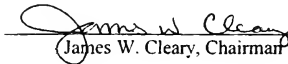

James W. Cleary, Chairman


Philip R. Germain

Terry D. Schnare

Board of Selectmen
Bennington, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant - Attest


James W. Cleary, Chairman

Terry D. Schnare


Philip R. Germain

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

There are those years - perhaps even those decades - when the most significant event for a community is the one that didn't occur. In the year 2000, for Bennington, we not only didn't fall victims to Armageddon on January 1, 2000 but we also have missed the curse of our neighbors to the south - the slow but dogged advance of urban/suburban sprawl.

While all but New Hampshire's north country has watched the population wave from the south engulf huge sections of what was once forests or farmlands, Bennington has remained relatively untouched. A jump in real estate values, yes, but not the village-sized developments, strip malls and multi-level inter-changes which have turned much of Rockingham and Hillsborough counties into faceless suburbia. Bennington's non-event has presented us with the gift of time . . . time to devise a strategy that will prepare us for growth while retaining that small-town flavor that makes this the right place to live.

The centerpiece for most of New England's small communities is the Town Hall and the taxpayers took step #1 in retaining Bennington's this summer with replacement of the roof. Step #2, with voter approval, will be restoration of the structure's exterior; scraping (removal) of existing paint; priming and repainting; that job to include the cupola. Long-term planning for the building will be completed; again, dependent on voter support, with step #3, landscaping and improvement in parking on the west side of the building.

Year 2000 tax dollars financed two road projects worth noting. First, the placement of guardrails along a 500-foot stretch of Antrim Road. That work was coupled with widening and culvert improvements at the base of Antrim Road culminating in the picnic spot there abutting Alberto's. Secondly, although not yet completed, is the shifting of West Deering Road's centerline away from the river as a planned first step in shoring up that roadway against further erosion from Contoocook River high water.

The Board of Selectmen took action this spring to meet a growing safety issue - the use of skateboards in the School/Main Street area -- by creating a skateboard court on Town-owned land off Acre Street. The final, finished asphalt coat is planned for the spring. With ramps and other equipment, it will provide another recreational opportunity for the community's young people, removed from the School, the town's busy intersections and parking lots.

Not all improvements in a municipality are as obvious as roads and highways. The Selectmen bring your attention to the continuing hard work of the Cemetery Trustees in mapping and marking Evergreen Cemetery and in improved management and record-keeping procedures; to the Town's Planning Board in development of proposed ordinances addressing telecommunications and impact fees and in its plans for updating

the Master Plan; to the Recreation volunteers for designing and carrying out an ambitious program benefiting all our citizens and to the Library for its continued high-quality performance.

As Selectmen, we face some old and familiar challenges, none peculiar to Bennington alone - the never ending problems of snow removal, frost heaves and potholes; meeting citizen expectations for Police Department, Fire and Rescue coverage in the face of a bare-bottom supply of law enforcement personnel and a dwindling supply of volunteers; and trying to keep a lid on burgeoning school and municipal expenses. Although it may sound revolutionary to some people, your Selectmen look to inter-community, cooperative action as a possible solution to some of these problems. It may mean some change in services, it will require that we abandon some element of local independence, it will certainly require a similar cooperative attitude on the part of the citizens of abutting communities- but we feel that it is time to consider a sharing of scarce services between Bennington and the Towns around us - in the common interest.

We are grateful to all of the people - staff and volunteers on the Town's Boards, Committees and Commissions whose efforts make this community what it is.

James W. Cleary

Philip R. Germain

Terry D. Schnare

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: Bennington, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) _____

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

James W. Cleary
Robert A. [Signature]

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive		74,304	66,625	72,269	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		14,100	13,870	13,664	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		42,120	46,356	44,095	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense		8,000	2,362	8,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		74,981	79,211	92,962	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		3,650	2,748	7,658	
4194	General Government Buildings		13,300	17,648	13,550	
4195	Cemeteries		2,280	3,419	2,550	
4196	Insurance		15,596	12,596	15,596	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
4199	Contingency Other General Government		3,000	5,309	3,000	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police		102,925	110,190	118,750	
4215-4219	Ambulance		7,500	7,500	7,500	
4220-4229	Fire		40,300	35,420	40,703	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		750	750	750	
4290-4298	Emergency Management					
4299	Other (Including Communications)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311	Administration		79,148	77,843	89,150	
4312	Highways & Streets		65,800	65,223	79,100	
4313	Bridges		1,000	0	0	
4316	Street Lighting		11,000	11,353	9,300	
4319	Other					
SANITATION						
4321	Administration		17,462	24,934	22,380	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1,000	963	1,800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		37,436	34,571	37,300	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					

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SANITATION cont. XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		31,000	20,469	30,000	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4331	Administration		18,750	18,135	18,900	
4332	Water Services		15,450	12,081	16,300	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		1,650	1,201	1,650	
ELECTRIC XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4411	Administration		1,250	989	1,224	
4414	Pest Control		150	0	150	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,271	5,271	5,271	
WELFARE XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		5,982	6,238	6,526	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		845	975	845	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,950	3,651	5,750	
CULTURE & RECREATION XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		17,985	16,834	22,760	
4550-4559	Library		49,158	48,692	53,807	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		700	618	3,200	
4589	Scholarship		500	500	500	
CONSERVATION XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		475	150	675	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		28,050	28,050	28,050	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		18,110	18,082	16,633	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		8,500	3,047	6,000	

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS Acct.# (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)	

DEBT SERVICE cont.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		38,725	38,143	45,896	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		92,500	90,551	104,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		40,000	29,249	35,000	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			995,653	961,817	1,083,714	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		1,200	3,210	1,200
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		4,000	6,292	4,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	500	500
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40,000	28,053	30,000
	Inventory Penalties		1,500	-0-	-0-
3187	Excavation Tax (\$5.02 cents per cu yd)			790	1,000
3188	Excavation Activity Tax		4,314	4,314	4,300
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		800	500	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		180,000	204,598	200,000
3230	Building Permits		400	780	700
3290	Municipal Agent/Other Other Licenses, Permits & Fees			5,816	5,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		26,679	25,585	46,000
3352	Seals & Rooms Tax Distribution		29,229	29,229	29,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		30,212	30,212	30,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		14,732	14,732	14,000
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		10,000	6,264	7,000
3409	Other Charges		3,000	3,995	4,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		39,400	32,834	12,000
3502	Interest on Investments		8,000	12,287	11,000
3503-3509	Rental of Town Property Other		9,000	6,480	5,000

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

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3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		24,000	24,525	24,000
	Water - (Offset)		41,000	38,996	41,000
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

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3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		467,966	470,164	470,200

"BUDGET SUMMARY"

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	898,318
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	139,500
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	45,896
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,083,714
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	470,200
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	613,514

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Account	Purpose	Warrant Article	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensnung FY
4915	Bridge Replacement CRF	14	\$ 13,000	\$ -0-	\$ 13,000
	Fire Truck CRF	15	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Highway Equipment CRF	16	15,000	15,000	20,000
	Rescue Van CRF	17	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Police Cruiser CRF	18	12,500	23,014	12,500
	Mower CRF	19	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Library CRF	20	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Forest Fire Truck CRF	21	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Highway Truck CRF	22	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Water Department CRF	23	7,000	7,537	7,000
	Sewer Department CRF	24	3,000	3,000	5,000
	Emergency Radios CRF	27	-0-	-0-	5,000
			\$ 92,500	\$ 90,551	\$104,500
4916	Bridge Replacement Exp. Trust	25	5,000	-0-	5,000
	Town Building Exp. Trust	26	35,000	29,249	30,000
			\$ 40,000	\$ 29,249	\$ 35,000

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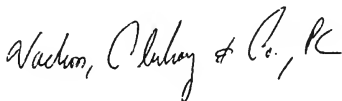
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Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2000 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the date.

January 17, 2001

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



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Part I GENERAL FUND - Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify -

January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

OR

July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
1. Revenues from taxes (Including state education)		
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay plus line 6, column C, page 12)	3110	\$ 1,645,456
b. State and local taxes assessed for school districts	\$ 1,049,000 4933	
c. Land use change taxes	3120	3,210
d. Resident taxes	3180	
e. Timber taxes	3185	6,292
f. Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	
g. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)	3189	
h. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	28,053
i. Excavation Tax (@ \$.02 per cu. yd.)	3187	
j. Excavation Activity Tax	3188	790
k. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)		\$ 1,683,801
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)		\$
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees		
a. Business licenses and permits	3210	500
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	209,400
c. Building permits	3230	780

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)			
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees (Continued)		(a)	(b)
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees		3290	5,482
e. TOTAL			\$ 216,162
4. Revenue from the federal government			
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)		3311	B50 \$
b. Environmental protection		3312	B89
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - <i>Specify -</i>			B89
		3319	
d. TOTAL			\$
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire			C30
a. Shared revenue block grant		3351	\$ 51,171
b. Meals and rooms distribution		3352	C89 29,229
c. Highway block grant		3353	C46 30,212
d. Water pollution grants		3354	C91 14,732
e. Housing and community development		3355	C50
f. State and federal forest land reimbursement		3356	C89
g. Flood control reimbursement		3357	C89
h. Other state grants and reimbursements - <i>Specify -</i> Household hazardous waste grant - \$1,705 Police grants - \$2,952		3359	C 4,657
i. TOTAL			\$ 130,001
6. Revenue from other governments			D
Intergovernmental revenue - Other		3379	\$
7. Revenue from charges for services (Exclude interfund transfers)			A89
a. Income from departments		3401	\$ 12,693
b. Water supply system charges		3402	A91 42,822
c. Sewer user charges		3403	A80 24,155
d. Garbage-refuse charges		3404	A81
e. Electric user charges		3405	A92
f. Airport fees		3406	A01
g. Other Charges		3409	A89
h. TOTAL			\$ 79,670

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)		
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No.	Amount
8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	(a)	(b)
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 \$
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11 33,535
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20 12,314
d. Rents of property	3503	U40 6,480
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U99 2,075
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99 5,393
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U99
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99 2,866
i. TOTAL		\$ 62,663
9. Interfund operating transfers in		
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	\$ 230
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913	
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914	
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915	
e. Transfers from trust and agency funds	3916	2,167
f. TOTAL		\$ 2,397
10. Other financial sources		
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	\$
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935	
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939	
d. TOTAL		\$
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		\$ 2,174,694
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year) (Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9)		\$ 167,905
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 (Should equal line 21, page 8)		\$ 2,342,599
Remarks		

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government				
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$ 66,678	G29 \$	F29 \$
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	4140	E89 13,921	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 46,357	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23	G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 2,362	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29 79,764	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 2,748	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31 26,344	G31	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E89 7,812	G89	F89
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E89 12,596	G89	F89
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89	G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89 5,709	G89	F89
m TOTAL		\$ 264,291	\$	\$
2. Public safety		E62	G62	F62
a. Police	4210	E32 \$ 109,309	G32	F32
b. Ambulance	4215	E24 7,500	G24	F24
c. Fire	4220	E66 39,495	G66 5,000	F66
d. Building inspection	4240	E89 750	G89	F89
e. Emergency management	4290	E89	G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89	G89	F89
g. TOTAL		\$ 157,054	\$ 5,000	\$
3. Airport/Aviation center				
a. Administration	4301	E01 \$	G01 \$	F01 \$
b. Airport operations	4302			
c. Other	4309			
d. TOTAL		\$	\$	\$

Remarks

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
4. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	\$ 78,981		
b. Highways and streets	4312	78,511		13,288
c. Bridges	4313			
d. Street lighting	4316	11,353		
e. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319	5,853		
f. TOTAL		E44 \$ 174,698	G44 \$	F44 \$ 13,288
5. Sanitation				
a. Administration	4321	\$ 25,329	\$	\$
b. Solid waste collection	4323			
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	35,971		
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325			
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	20,469		
f. Other sanitation	4329	3,115		
g. TOTAL		\$ 84,884	\$	\$
6. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	\$ 18,135	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	12,197		
c. Water treatment	4335	1,201		
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water Starrett Road water line	4339	9,158		
f. TOTAL		E91 \$ 40,691	G91 \$	F91 \$
7. Electric				
a. Administration	4351	\$	\$	\$
b. Generation	4352			
c. Purchase costs	4353			
d. Equipment maintenance	4354			
e. Other	4359			
f. TOTAL		E92 \$	G92 \$	F92 \$

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)					
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
8. Health					
a. Administration		4411	\$ 989	\$	\$
b. Pest control		4414			
c. Health agencies and hospitals		4415	5,271		
d. Other health		4419			
e. TOTAL			E32 \$ 6,260	G32 \$	F32 \$
9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)					
			\$	\$	\$
10. Welfare					
			E79	G79	F79
a. Administration		4441	\$ 2,028	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance		4442	E67 4,210		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments		4444	M79 975		
d. Vendor payments		4445	E75 2,989		
e. Other welfare		4449	E79 662	G79	F79
f. TOTAL			\$ 10,864	\$	\$
11. Culture and recreation					
a. Parks and recreation		4520	E61 \$ 16,834	G61 \$	F61 \$
b. Library		4550	E62 32,991	G62	F62
c. Patriotic purposes		4583	E61 618	G61	F61
d. Other culture and recreation		4589	E61 500	G61	F61
e. TOTAL			\$ 50,943	\$	\$
12. Conservation					
a. Administration		4611	\$ 150	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources		4612			
c. Other conservation		4619			
b. TOTAL			E59 \$ 150	G59 \$	F59 \$
13. Redevelopment and housing					
a. Administration		4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing		4632			
c. TOTAL			E50 \$	G50 \$	F50 \$

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
14. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL		E89 \$	G89 \$	F89 \$
15. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	\$ 28,050	\$	\$
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	18,082		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	3,047		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. TOTAL		\$ 49,179	\$	\$
16. Capital outlay		G		
a. Land and improvements	4901	\$	\$	\$
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902	G		
c. Buildings	4903	F		
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909	F		
e. TOTAL		\$	\$	\$
17. Interfund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 17,648	\$	\$
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	92,500		
e. Transfers to trust and agency funds	4916	40,000		
f. TOTAL		\$ 150,148	\$	\$

Remarks

Part 1	GENERAL FUND (Continued)
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B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account	Total	Equipment and
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B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
18. Payments to other governments				
a. Taxes assessed for county	4931	\$ 108,558	\$	\$
b. Taxes assessed for precincts/village districts	4932			
c. Local education taxes assessed	4933	1,049,000		
d. State education taxes assessed	4939			
e. Payments to other governments	4939			
f. TOTAL		\$ 1,157,558	\$	\$

19. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,146,720	\$ 5,000	\$ 13,288
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(Should equal line B,2f, column c, on page 9 and line 13 on page 3, less line 19 above)	\$	195,679		
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21. TOTAL OF LINES 19 AND 20

(Should equal line 13 on page 3)	\$ 2,342,599		
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Part II

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Part II GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - Please specify the period -				
As of December 31, 2000 OR June 30, 200__				
A. ASSETS		Account number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets				
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 319,168	\$ 413,974	
b. Investments	1030	53,531	56,487	
c. Taxes receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1080	116,866	149,980	
d. Tax liens receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1110	85,132	81,919	
e. Accounts receivable	1150	5,659	14,894	
f. Due from other governments	1260			
g. Due from other funds	1310	3,053	11,051	
h. Other current assets	1400	5,181	7,266	
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670			
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)		\$ 588,590	\$ 735,571	
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
1. Current liabilities				
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 12,455	\$ 9,803	
b. Compensated absences payable	2030			
c. Contracts payable	2050			
d. Due to other governments	2070	680	844	
e. Due to school districts	2075	353,364	423,965	
f. Due to other funds	2080	100	48,126	
g. Deferred revenue	2220	555	67	
h. Notes payable - Current	2230			
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250			
j. Other payables Deposits	2270	53,531	56,887	
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 420,685	\$ 539,692	
2. Fund equity				
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 13)	2440	\$ 10,000	\$	
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on page 13)	2450			
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460			
d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 13)	2490	6,455	7,266	
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	151,450	188,613	
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 167,905	\$ 195,879	
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Should equal line A1j)				
		\$ 588,590	\$ 735,571	

PART IV GENERAL FUND

A. FIXED ASSET GROUP OF ACCOUNTS

(Please specify date)

As of December 31, 2000
OR
June 30, 2000

As with the majority of New Hampshire communities, the Town has not maintained historical cost records of its investment in General Fixed Assets.

1. Land and improvements
2. Buildings
3. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment
4. Construction in progress
5. Improvements other than buildings
6. Tax deeded property
7. Investment in general fixed assets
8. TOTAL

Account number (a)	Beginning of year		End of year	
	Debit (b)	Credit (c)	Debit (d)	Credit (e)
1610	\$			
1620				
1640				
1650				
1660				
1670				
2800				
	\$	\$	\$	\$

B. LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS

(Please specify date)

As of December 31, 2000
OR
June 30, 2000

1. Bond proceeds not used
2. Amount to be provided for the retirement of long-term debt
3. Notes and bonds payable - Long-term
4. Other long-term liabilities
5. TOTAL

1810	\$			
1820		421,246	388,800	
2310			310,650	282,600
2390			110,596	106,200
	\$	\$ 421,246	\$ 388,800	\$ 388,800

Part 5 GENERAL FUND (Continued)

C. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (Please specify date)

As of December 31, 2000

OR
June 30, 2000

Description of general obligation bonds (Please also list total original obligation)

1. \$352,400 - 1981

2. \$28, 234 - 1984

3. \$260,860 - 1985

4. \$128,200 - 1986

5.

6.

7.

8. TOTAL

D. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AS OF (Enter date) December 31, 2000 FOR THE ENSUING FIVE YEARS

	Purpose (a)	Annual installment (b)	Interest rate (c)	Date of final payment (d)	Bonds o/s at beginning of year (e)	Bonds issued this year (f)	Bonds retired this year (g)	Bonds o/s at end of year (h)
1.	Water	\$ variable	5.00%	Nov. 2010	\$ 176,400	\$	\$ 12,000	\$ 164,400
2.	Sewer	1,300	5.00%	Oct. 2004	7,800		1,300	6,500
3.	Sewer	10,000	7.6 - 8.8%	Feb. 2005	60,000		10,000	50,000
4.	Sewer	4,740	6.625%	Feb. 2013	66,450		4,750	61,700
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.					\$ 310,650	\$	\$ 28,050	\$ 282,600
D. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AS OF (Enter date) December 31, 2000 FOR THE ENSUING FIVE YEARS								
1.	2001	\$ 28,050	\$ 16,267	\$ 44,317	Other long-term liabilities consist of the following: Estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs <u>\$ 106,200</u>			
2.	2002	33,050	14,354	47,404				
3.	2003	33,050	12,273	45,323				
4.	2004	33,050	10,187	43,237				
5.	2005	33,050	8,172	41,222				
6.	SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)		160,250	61,253	221,503			
7.	Remaining periods of debt		122,350	22,651	145,001			
8.	TOTAL (Sum of lines 6 and 7)		\$ 282,600	\$ 83,904	\$ 366,504			

Part V RECONCILIATIONS
A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

	Amount
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$ 353,364
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year (Should equal Account number 4933, on page 8)	1,049,000
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)	1,402,364
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	(978,399)
5. School district liability at end of year (lines 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)	423,965

B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

	Amount
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	^{61V} \$ -
2. ADD: New issues during current year	100,000
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	(100,000)
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3) (Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 9)	^{64V} -

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET

	Current year (a)	Prior year (b)	TOTAL (c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*	5,109	31,164	36,273
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)	(3,661)	(6,741)	(10,402)
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	()	()	()
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	(1,300)	()	(1,300)
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	()	(33,077)	(33,077)
6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)	148	(8,654)	(8,506)

*Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year).

**The amount in column c will go into line 1(b) for next year's worksheet.

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET

	1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$ 149,980	\$ 114,996	\$ 264,976
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	()	(33,077)	(33,077)
3. Receivable, end of year*	149,980	81,919	231,899

*(These amounts are entered on page 9, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)

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Account number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)
2490	Reserve for special purposes:	
	Reserved for prepaid expenses	\$ 7,266

Please Detail Reserves from page 9 (Balance Sheet).

Account number (a)	Description (b)	Year voted (c)	Warrant article number (d)

Part V SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -

January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000 OR July 1, 199__ to June 30, 200__

	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Proprietary funds	
			Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)
REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
1. Revenue from taxes	T01 \$	T01 \$	T01 \$	
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T99	T99	T99	
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89	B89 13,743	B89	
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89	C89	
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89	D89	
6. Revenue from charges for services			A91	
(a) Water supply system charges			A80	
(b) Sewer user charges			A81	
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges				
(d) Other - Specify -				
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U20	U20	U20	U20
(a) Interest on investments		106		
(b) Other miscellaneous sources		4,850		
8. Interfund operating transfers in		17,648		
9. Other financial sources				
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	\$ 36,347	\$	\$

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period-

January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000 OR July 1, 199 to June 30, 200

EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Proprietary funds	
			Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)
1. General government	F89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$	
2. Public safety	F89	E89	E89	
3. Sanitation	F80	E80	E80	
4. Water distribution and treatment	F91		E91	
5. Health	F32	E32	E32	
6. Welfare	F79	E79	E79	
7. Culture and recreation	F61	E61	E61	
8. Conservation	F59	E59	E59	
9. Redevelopment and housing	F50	E50	E50	
10. Economic development	F89	E89	E89	
11. Debt service				
12. Capital outlay	F89	F89 15,604	F89	F89
13. Interfund operating transfers out		230		
14. Payments to other governments				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	\$ 36,258	\$	\$

Remarks


Part VII BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -

As of December 31, 2000 OR June 30, 2000

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010 \$		\$ 7,204	\$	
(b) Investments	1030				
(c) Accounts receivable	1150		288		
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310				
(f) Other - Specify -					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610 \$		\$	\$	
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other - Specify -					
3. TOTAL ASSETS		\$	\$ 7,492	\$	\$

BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued) - Please specify the period -						
As of December 31, 2000 OR June 30, 2000						
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds		Internal service (e)
				Enterprise (d)		
1. Liabilities						
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$	\$		\$	\$
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030					
(c) Contracts payable	2050					
(d) Due to other governments	2070					
(e) Due to other funds	2080					
(f) Deferred revenue	2220		3,056			
(g) Notes and bonds payable						
(h) Other - Specify -						
(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	\$ 3,056	\$	\$	\$
2. Fund equity/Capital						
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440	\$	\$			
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490					
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530		4,436			
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610					
(e) Other contributed capital	2620					
(f) Retained earnings	2790					
(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY			4,436			
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		\$	\$ 7,492	\$	\$	\$

Part IX SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET					
The data requested below should be included in parts I-IV. By supplying this information you will not be asked to complete Census Bureau forms F21 or F22.					
A. ALL FUNDS (ADDITIONAL)		Account No.	TOTAL	Equipment and land	Construction
Revenue		(a)	(d)	(c)	(d)
Parks and recreation	3409	A61			
		\$			
Parking	3409	A60			
Electric power system		A92			
Transit or bus system		A94			
Expenditure		E60		G60	F60
Parking	3409	\$			
		E32		G32	F32
Vital statistics	4140				
Other hospitals - payments to hospitals operated privately	4415	E38		G38	F38
Money paid directly to needy persons not covered by Federal programs (general relief, home relief, poor relief, etc.	4442	E68	4,210		
Electric power system		E92		G92	F92
Transit or bus system		E94		G94	F94
B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES					
Report payments made to the State or other local governments on reimbursement or cost-sharing basis. Do not include these expenditures in part VI.					
Purpose	Account No.	Amount paid to other local governments			
(a)	(b)	(c)			
Schools		M12			
		\$			
Sewers		M80			
All other - County	4931	M69			
All other - Towns	4199	M69			
Purpose	Account No.	Amount paid to the State			
(a)	(b)	(c)			
Highways	4319	L44			
All other purposes	4199	L89			
C. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED					
Long-term debt purpose	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year	
(a)	(b)	Issued (c)	Retired (d)	General obligations (e)	Revenue bonds (f)
	19A	29A	39A	41A	44A
Water-sewer utility	310,650		28,050	282,600	
	19T	29T	34T		44T
Industrial revenue					
	19X	29X	39X	41X	44X
All other debt					
	19H	29F	39F	41F	44F
Education					
	19I				
Interest on water debt					

Part IX		SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET (Continued)	
D. SALARIES AND WAGES			Total wages paid
Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.			200
			\$308,542
E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR			
Report separately for each of the three types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Include in the sinking fund total any mortgages and notes receivable held as offsets to housing and industrial financing loans. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.			
Type of fund		Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents	
(a)		(b)	
Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement		W31	
All other funds except employee retirement funds		W61	\$853,483
CENSUS USE ONLY		W01	
Part X			
CERTIFICATION			
This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
Signatures of a majority of the governing body:			
			
<p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS</p> <p>Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.</p> <p>Please be sure you have completed Part IX, items A-E.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)</p> <p>WHERE TO FILE</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1. * For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1. <p>Department of Revenue Administration State of New Hampshire Municipal Services Division PO Box 487 Concord, NH 03302-0487</p> </div> </div>			

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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**REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS
ACTUALLY VOTED**

(RSA 21-J:34)

DATE OF MEETING: March 14, 2000

Town/City Of: Bennington, New Hampshire County: Hillsborough

Mailing Address: Town Hall, 7 School Street
Bennington, NH 03442

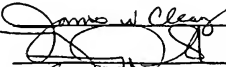

Phone #: 603-588-2189 Fax #: 603-588-8005 E-Mail: townofbenn@conknet.cc

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED
(To Be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

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Penalty: Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty for each day's delay (RSA 21-J:36).

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

XXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXX

4130-4139	Executive		74,304	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		14,100	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		42,120	
4152	Revaluation of Property			
4153	Legal Expense		8,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		74,981	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		3,650	
4194	General Government Buildings		13,300	
4195	Cemeteries		2,280	
4196	Insurance		15,596	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
4199	Contingency		3,000	

PUBLIC SAFETY

XXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXX

4210-4214	Police		102,925	
4215-4219	Ambulance		7,500	
4220-4229	Fire		40,300	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		750	
4290-4296	Emergency Management			
4299	Other (Including Communicational)			

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER

XXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXX

4301-4309	Airport Operations			
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HIGHWAYS & STREETS

XXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXX

4311	Administration			
4312	Highways & Streets		144,948	
4313	Bridges		1,000	
4316	Street Lighting		11,000	
4319	Other			

SANITATION

XXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXX

4321	Administration		17,462	
4323	Hazardous Waste Day		1,000	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		37,436	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		31,000	

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		18,750	
4332	Water Services		15,450	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		1,650	
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4359	Electrical Operations			
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4421	Administration		1,400	
4414	Pest Control			
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,271	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		5,982	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		845	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,950	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		17,985	
4550-4559	Library		49,158	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		500	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources			
4619	Other Conservation		475	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING			
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		28,050	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		18,110	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		8,500	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration

CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		
4903	Buildings		
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs	38,725	

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		
4914	To Enterprise Fund		
	Sewer-		
	Water-		
	Electric-		
	Airport-		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	92,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr Fund-except 4917	40,000	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		
4919	To Agency Funds		
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS		995,653	

SPECIAL NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE MS-2 FORM

This form must contain all the appropriations passed at an annual or special meeting. Combine all the approved and amended appropriations from the MS-6 or MS-7 posted budget form. List the appropriate warrant article numbers in column 3.

Do not cross off any accounts to enter your own titles. We have included the entire chart of accounts for reporting purposes. Please call us if you have any questions or need help in classifying any of your approved appropriations. Mail this form to us within 20 days after the meeting to our new address on the 1st page of this forms.

The revenue page form MS4, due September 1, will be mailed to you in the summer. This form is computerized. Send us your blank disk & a self-addressed, stamped mailer for a copy of the spreadsheet.

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
GENERAL ACCOUNT
2000

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/00	\$	317,893.93
Plus Receipts			2,303,445.32
Less Disbursements			2,207,365.38
Cash Balance as at:	12/31/00	\$	413,973.87

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CONSERVATION FUND
2000

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/00	\$	4,108.22
Interest Earned			92.49
Cash Balance as at:	12/31/00	\$	4,200.71

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
2000

Cash Balance as at :	1/1/00	\$	1,273.59
Interest Earned 2000			26.62
Withdrawal to General Fund			-1,300.21
Cash Balance as at:	12/31/00	\$	-

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Federal Records Management Program
2000

Cash Balance as at :	10/19/00	\$	16,627.00
Plus Receipts			1,848.00
Plus Interest			13.20
Less Disbursements			(16,203.80)
Cash Balance as at:	12/31/00	\$	2,284.40

Joyce L. Miner
Treasurer

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$204,495.00
Municipal Agent Fees		4,110.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		734.00
UCC & IRS Lien Filings		499.99
Marriage Licenses:	Town	77.00
	State	418.00
Certified Copies:	Town	135.00
	State	245.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	1,447.50
	State	156.00
	Animal Population Control	594.00
Dog License Fines		225.00
Bad Check Fees		52.00
Election Fees		10.00
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		\$213,198.49

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Valerie Germain, Town Clerk



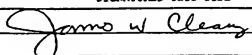


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2000
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

CITY/TOWN OF Bennington IN Hillsborough COUNTY
TELEPHONE # 603-588-2189

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

SIGNATURES THIS SIDE	PLEASE PRINT NAME IN THIS COLUMN
	James W. Cleary
	Philip R. Germain
	Terry D. Schnare
(Please Sign in Ink) Date <u>8/30/00</u>	Check one: Selectmen <input type="checkbox"/> Assessors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34, as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

Return this completed Summary Inventory form to the Dept. of Revenue Administration, P.O. Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 by September 1st.

You may duplicate Page 6 for each district whose valuation differs from the Town/City valuation: please note the name of the district at the top of each Page 6 provided. Thank you.

PENALTY: FAILURE TO FILE THIS FORM OR AN EXTENSION (RSA 21-J:34, I) BY SEPTEMBER 1st COULD RESULT IN \$5.00 PER DAY PENALTY FOR EACH DAY'S DELAY. (RSA 21-J:36)

NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3, 4, AND 5 (ALSO PAGE 6, IF APPLICABLE) OF THIS REPORT.

Official Use Only - Do Not Write In Spaces Below

Date Received	Initial Entry PA	Assigned to MS	Completed by MS	Sent to PA for Review	Revision	Sent to PA	Filed Away

Revised 2000

LAND BUILDINGS	(Lines 1A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving) (Lines 2A, B & C)-List all buildings	NUMBER OF ACRES 1.A.-1.F.	2000 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B & 4 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)		4280.5	\$ 357493	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-B)			\$	
C. Residential		2037.5	\$ 13614400	
D. Commercial/Industrial		78.0	\$ 3312900	
E. Total of Taxable Land (A + B + C + D)		6396	\$ 17284793	
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$ 1908200)		441.2	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed on Lines 5A, 3B & 4 A. Residential			\$ 35870100	
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$ 1308600	
C. Commercial/Industrial			\$ 6695000 4795000	
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A + B + C)			\$ 43873700	
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES A. Public Utilities *Grand Total of Section A From Utility Summary on Page 3)			\$ 1043200	
B. Public Utilities **Total of Section B & *** Section C From Utility Summary on Page 3)			\$ 1900000	
4. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)			\$	
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E + 2D + 3A + 3B + 4)			\$ 62201693	
6. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (Number) \$ RSA 72:37-a			\$	
7. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (Number) \$ RSA 72:23 IV (Up to Standard Exemption \$150,000)			\$	
8. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption (Number) \$ RSA 72:12-a			\$	
9. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus 6-8)			\$ 62201693	
10. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 (Number) \$			\$	
11. Elderly Exemption (Number) \$ RSA 72:39-a			\$ 660000	
12. Disabled Exemption (Number) \$ RSA 72:37-b			\$	
13. Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70 (Number) \$			\$	
14. Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62 (Number) \$			\$	
15. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66 (Number) \$			\$	
16. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (Number) \$			\$	
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 10 thru 16)			\$ 660000	
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 9 minus 17)			\$ 61541693	
19. Less Public Utilities (Line 3A)			\$ 1043200	
20. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED			\$ 60498493	

UTILITY SUMMARY : ELECTRIC, GAS, OIL & PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER - RSA 83-F

Insert valuation of plant used in the production and transmission. The total valuation of all public utilities must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3 of this report. IMPORTANT! Refer to the Utility Section of the MS-1 Instructions (page 4).

SECTION A: ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GENERATING PLANTS, ETC.

2000 VALUATION

PSNH

1043200

A1. TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES INCLUDED ON LIST IN INSTRUCTIONS

1043200

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES

2000 VALUATION

A2. TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES INCLUDED ON LIST IN INSTRUCTIONS

WATER COMPANIES

2000 VALUATION

A3. TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL WATER COMPANIES INCLUDED ON LIST IN INSTRUCTIONS

A. GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL UTILITY COMPANIES INCLUDED ON LINES A1, A2 & A3 ABOVE
 (*Must be included in total figure on Page 2, Lines 3A & 19)

1043200 *

SECTION B: OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES

Insert the name and valuation for all utility companies not listed in Utility Attachment of MS-1 instructions.

2000 VALUATION

MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS

1900000

B. TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (**Must be included in total figure on Page 2, Line 3B)

1900000 **

SECTION C: TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES NOT INCLUDED IN EITHER A OR B UTILITIES LIST. ATTACH DETAILED LISTING. (***)Must be included in total figure on page 2, Line 3B)

1043200 ***

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with V.A. assistance	Unlimited		EXEMPT
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$700/\$1,400	2	\$ 2800
Other war service credits	\$50/\$100	63	\$ 6250
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	XXXXXX	65	\$ 9050

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS RSA 162-K	TIF #1	TIF #2	TIF #3	TIF #4
Date of adoption				
Original assessed value				
+ Unretained captured assessed value				
= Amounts used on page 2 (tax rates)				
+ Retained captures assessed value				
Current assessed value				

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES The amounts listed in this section should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT IN LIEU
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land From MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357	\$	XXXXXXXXXX
Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	\$	
Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	\$	
Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	\$	

EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX PER RSA 72-B:12	MONIES RECEIVED (FROM MS-4, PAGE 1)	VALUATION OF PIT AREA(S)
The valuation amounts listed in this section must not be included in the assessed valuation column on page 2.	\$ 300	\$ 176800

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT						
NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WITH INITIAL APPLICATION FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR			TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74		\$	65 - 74	11	\$ 20000	\$ 220,000
75 - 79		\$	75 - 79	5	\$ 40000	\$ 200,000
80+		\$	80+	4	\$ 60,000	\$ 240,000
****	****	****	TOTAL*			\$ 660,000
(* Must Agree with Amount on Page 2, Line 11)						

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	TOTAL # ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL # OF ACRES
FARM LAND	164.13	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	
FOREST LAND	3888.91	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	7,629
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	95.66		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	131.80	****	TOTAL #
WET LAND		TOTAL # OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	63
TOTAL	4280.5	TOTAL # OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	188

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

	TOTAL # ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSMNT.	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL # OF ACRES
FARM LAND		RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	
FOREST LAND		REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP			
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND		****	TOTAL #
WET LAND		TOTAL # OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	
TOTAL		TOTAL # OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C

TOTAL # OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL # OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e. GOLF COURSE, BALL PARK, ETC.) (THIS SECTION OPTIONAL)
		1.
****	****	2.
****	****	3.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division

2000 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: Bennington

Appropriations	995,653
Less: Revenues	488,566
Less: Shared Revenues	19,978
Add: Overlay	5,109
War Service Credits	9,050

Barbara G. Robinson
10/28/00

Net Town Appropriation	501,268
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	501,268	TOWN RATE 8.14
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	0
Regional School Apportionment	1,833,155
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(784,155)
State Education Taxes	(352,532)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	696,468	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 11.32
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STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$6.60	STATE SCHOOL RATE 5.83
53,413,865	352,532	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
60,498,493		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State —▶	0	

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	108,558
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,514)

Approved County Tax Effort	104,044	COUNTY RATE 1.69
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TOTAL RATE
26.98

Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,654,312
Less: War Service Credits	(9,050)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	1,645,262

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	5.83	352,532
All Other Taxes	21.15	1,301,780
		1,654,312

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	2000	Prior Years
UNCOLLECTED TAXES JANUARY 1, 2000		
Property Taxes		\$116,724.62
Yield Taxes		\$141.60
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$1,659,071.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,210.00	
Yield Taxes	\$6,292.16	
Excavation Taxes	\$790.40	
2001 Prepaid	\$23.43	
OVERPAYMENTS		
Property Taxes	\$3,325.15	\$141.52
INTEREST/ PENALTIES	<u>\$1,214.57</u>	<u>\$8,612.53</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$1,673,926.71</u>	<u>\$125,620.27</u>
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2000		
Property Taxes	\$1,508,808.23	\$111,513.57
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,180.00	
Yield Taxes	\$6,292.16	\$141.60
Interest/Penalties	\$1,214.57	\$8,612.53
Excavation Taxes	\$790.40	
Credit Carried From 1999		\$555.05
ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	\$3,661.00	\$4,797.52
UNCOLLECTED TAXES DECEMBER 31, 2000		
Property Taxes	\$149,950.35	
Yield Taxes	<u>\$30.00</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$1,673,926.71</u>	<u>\$125,620.27</u>

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Respectfully Submitted

Denise P French

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TAX COLLECTOR**

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	1999	1998	PRIOR	ELDERLY/ DISABLED
UNREDEEMED LIENS JANUARY 1, 2000		\$62,924.07	\$53,371.69	\$28,835.99
LIENS EXECUTED 2000	\$66,774.20			\$6,087.00
INTEREST & COSTS COLLECTED AFTER LIEN EXECUTION	<u>\$1,714.71</u>	<u>\$7,313.23</u>	<u>\$9,197.49</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$68,488.91</u>	<u>\$70,237.30</u>	<u>\$62,569.18</u>	<u>\$34,922.99</u>
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:				
REDEMPTIONS	\$15,304.26	\$27,085.60	\$23,741.05	
INTEREST & COSTS COLLECTED AFTER LIEN EXECUTION	\$1,714.71	\$7,313.23	\$9,197.49	
ABATEMENTS OF UNREDEEMED TAXES		\$576.32	\$1,367.17	
UNREDEEMED TAX LIENS 31-Dec-00	<u>\$51,469.94</u>	<u>\$35,262.15</u>	<u>\$28,263.47</u>	<u>\$34,922.99</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$68,488.91</u>	<u>\$70,237.30</u>	<u>\$62,569.18</u>	<u>\$34,922.99</u>

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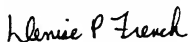
WATER & SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2000			\$4,334.74
Charges:			
Water Usage	\$42,433.94		
Water Interest	\$248.40		
Shut-off Notice Fees	\$124.50		
Water Department Fees	\$120.00		
Sewer Usage	\$24,209.09		
Sewer Interest	\$56.79		
Total Charges		+	\$67,192.72
Overpayment		+	\$46.08
Prepaid 2001		+	\$43.50
			<u>\$71,617.04</u>
Abatements Granted			
Water	\$69.34		
Sewer	\$110.49		
Total Abatements		-	\$179.83
Credit Carried from 1999		-	\$35.71
Receipts to Treasurer		-	<u>\$66,999.78</u>
Unpaid Water/Sewer December 31, 2000			<u><u>\$4,401.72</u></u>

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... a century ago —

Annual Report

—(F.T.B.)—

TOWN

—OF—

BENNINGTON

For the
Year Ending

February 15, 1900.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the School District of the Town of Bennington for the Year ending February 15th, 1900.

A. B. LAWRENCE E. Treasurer,
To the District, Dr.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1899, \$244 12

Cash from G. A. Whittemore, Town Treasurer:

Amount required by law,	635 00
Amount appropriated for School purposes,	500 00
Dog license for 1897,	85 20
Dog license for 1898,	105 00
Literary fund for 1898,	78 60
Literary fund for 1899,	77 52
State aid,	157 87

\$1,886 37

Cash from A. W. Pierce, for books,

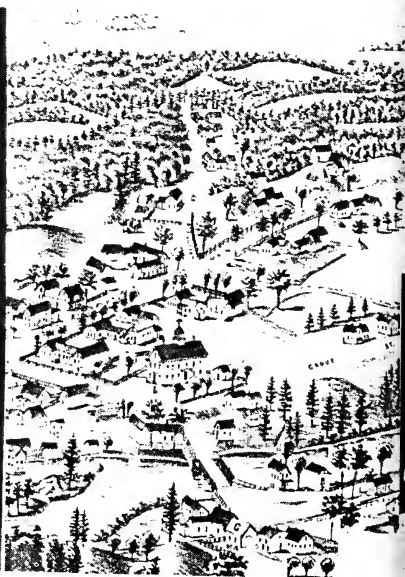
Herbert Wilcox, " 81 77

A. W. Pierce, " 1 80

Mrs. D. O. Nash, tuition of children, 15

4 50

\$9 52



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School Statistics.

Term.	Name of Teacher.	Wks. of school.	No. of scholars.		At- tendance.	No. of visits.	Wages per mo.
			Male.	Female.			
Winter.	Charlotte E. Balch.	12 27	12 15	22 06	\$30		
"	Blanche E. Cooley.	13 23	10 13	17 40	24		
Spring.	Martha E. Bemis.	12 36	16 28	32 86	36		
"	Charlotte E. Balch.	12 36	16 20	30 80	30		
"	Blanche E. Cooley.	11 35	14 21	28 50	28		
"	Sarah F. Weston.	12 18	7 9	13 22	24		
Fall.	Martha E. Bemis.	10 38	16 22	35 20	38		
"	E. Gertrude Ballard.	9 29	15 14	28 10	30		
"	Blanche E. Cooley.	10 22	15 17	29 25	28		
"	Sarah F. Weston.	12 13	7 6	10 11	24		

ARTHUR W. PIERCE,
HENRY W. WILSON,
CALVIN S. BROWN,
School Board.



INVENTORY

Of Real and Personal Property assessed on
the First of April, 1899.

Land and Buildings	\$145,217 00
180 Poles	18,000 00
110 Horses	5,925 00
10 Cows	450 00
167 Cows	4,314 00
34 Neat	850 00
20 Sheep	74 00
Vehicles	1,001 00
Stock in Banks	1,156 00
Money on hand or deposit	800 00
Stock in trade	17,775 00
Mills and Machinery	42,100 00
Acqueducts	1,500 00
	\$228,040 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

By tax	\$1,780 80
Rate, \$2.00 on \$100.00	

Paul Robert Knowles, School Board, 1898,	\$10 00
M. M. Cheney, District Clerk,	5 00
A. R. Lawrence, School Treasurer,	5 00
A. W. Pierce, School Board,	10 00
H. W. Wilson, School Board,	15 00
	\$1,087 25

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paul H. E. Chambers, for rail,	\$ 2 17
H. W. Eldredge, town reports,	28 00
E. C. Eastman, collector's book, etc.,	1 45
C. D. Melzer, dog license book,	2 00
H. W. Wilson, Memorial Day appropriation,	35 00
John Flagg, glass for Town hall,	1 12
E. A. Sawtelle, tuning piano,	2 50
F. E. Leonard,	1 50
Jell Shea, printing notices,	1 00
J. E. Harmon, watching fire,	2 50
W. H. Darrah, services laying out road,	2 00
Gilman Foote, watching fire,	2 85
W. E. Downes, water rents, to Dec. 31, 1899,	8 38
D. M. White, insurance,	25 00
W. E. Downes, cot-bed, etc.,	3 22
W. E. Downes, drain pipe,	3 20
For postage and express,	1 25
G. O. Joslin, shovels, pails, etc.,	15 80
E. B. Taft, registering births, 17 in number,	4 25
E. B. Taft, registering deaths, 4 in number,	1 00
E. C. Eastman, blanks,	65
E. W. Baker, insurance on tool-house,	8 00
John Flagg, supplies for Town hall,	13 70
F. A. Taylor, watering trough,	1 50
Moses Newton, watering trough,	1 50
	\$364 88

Town Reports tend to be long on accountability and short on humanity . . . and that hasn't changed much since M.M. George, F. H. Kimball and R.V. Knight, Selectmen, put together Bennington's Town Report one hundred years ago.

On these pages, we've excerpted sections of that now tarnished document which contains, separately please note, reports on both Town expenses and those of the School District.

The dollar figures are the immediate shocker (a total annual school appropriation of \$500) for example, but some of the other notations are intriguing for what they don't say or for what they provide in pure reminiscence

... Miscellaneous Expense, Mrs. D.O. Nash . . . Carrying Pupils	\$ 10.75
... Personal Property, 34 Neat Stock	\$ 630.00
... Acqueducts	\$ 1,500.00
... R.V. Knight, Shingling Bridge	\$ 5.00
... G.O. Joslin, Nails for Bridge	\$ 4.62
... Literary Fund, 1899	\$ 77.52
... Gilman Foote, Watching Fire	\$ 2.85
... E.C. Eastman, Blanks	\$.63
... Care of Tramps	\$ 25.61

Or how about Charlotte E. Balch, teacher who taught 27 "scholars" for 13 weeks in the winter of 1899 for the handsome wage of \$30.00? Or the Firewards report of one fire for the year, January 4, 1900 when the car house of the B&M Rail Road was totally destroyed? Or the death of two elderly residents, one from erysipelas and the other, a sixty-five year-old male, from exposure to cold . . . on December 26?

Even with the printed word and the incredible discoveries, inventions and advances in technology in the twentieth century, we are unable to retain the true "feeling" of what life was like for the average citizen in those days. The winters were harder; spring and summer therefore more anxiously anticipated and enjoyed. Life in general had to be slower, quieter, kinder.

And what will they think of us in 2099?

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$1,508,808.23
Land Use Change Tax	\$3,180.00
Yield Tax	\$6,292.16
Excavation Tax	\$790.40
Interest/Penalties	<u>\$1,214.57</u>

\$1,520,285.36

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$111,513.57
Yield Tax	\$141.60
Interest/Penalties	\$8,612.53
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$66,130.91
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	<u>\$18,225.43</u>

\$204,624.04

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$66,999.78

TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$213,198.49

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS

Household Hazardous Waste	\$1,300.21
Bridge Fund	\$16,494.10
Town Building Fund	<u>\$10,434.29</u>

\$28,228.60

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Shared Revenue	\$80,400.16
Highway Block Grant	\$30,212.26
Water Pollution Grant	\$14,732.00
HHW Collection Grant	\$1,705.00
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$1,407.36
PD Computer/Records Grant	\$16,627.00
DWI Patrol Grant	<u>\$1,544.42</u>

\$146,628.20

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

\$100,000.00

INTEREST EARNED ON DEPOSITS

\$12,287.32

CEMETERY/PERPETUAL CARE

\$2,166.73

DIVIDENDS/REFUNDS

\$936.74

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$780.00
Driveway Permits	\$40.00
Demolition Permit	\$10.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$2,290.30
Bad Check Fees	\$65.00

Pistol Permits	\$20.00	
CUV Filing Fee	\$12.33	
Court Fines	\$1,850.00	
Dog Bite Fines	\$225.00	
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		\$5,292.63

SALE OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTY	\$22,473.00
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DONATION	
Crotched Mountain LLC	\$1,000.00

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		
Police	\$360.00	
Recreation	\$628.93	
Planning Board	\$307.14	
Recycling	\$3,278.77	
Cemetery	\$200.00	
Town Hall Slate	\$500.00	
Election and Registration	\$90.00	
Personnel Administration	\$120.73	
Photocopies	\$14.00	
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		\$5,499.57

RENT OF TOWN CONDOMINIUMS	\$6,480.00
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REIMBURSEMENTS		
Health Insurance	\$4,455.84	
PD Special Details	\$12,755.00	
Welfare Department	\$75.00	
Town of Hancock	\$402.00	
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		\$17,687.84

TOTAL 2000 RECEIPTS	<u>\$2,353,788.30</u>
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$2,250.00	
Telephone	\$4,327.50	
Computer	\$4,558.73	
Xerox Machine Rental	\$1,881.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$578.53	
Advertising	\$573.93	
General Supplies	\$304.74	
Office Supplies	\$2,255.10	
Postage	\$2,086.21	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$379.50	
Administrative Assistant	\$ 34,172.17	
Part-Time Office Support	\$8,350.45	
Mileage/Expenses	\$1,004.06	
Moderator's Salary	\$80.00	
Town Meeting PA System Rental	\$179.05	
Town Report Printing	\$2,287.75	
Newsletter Printing	\$1,356.70	
Total Executive Office		\$66,625.42

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$8,552.50	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$1,296.75	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$986.01	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$118.90	
Office Supplies	\$275.03	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$900.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist - Conval	\$180.00	
Advertising	\$154.87	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$2.54	
Voter Ballot Clerks	\$586.50	
Election Printing	\$554.85	
Election Meals	\$275.81	
Total Election and Registration		\$13,883.76

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$4,893.00	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$6,397.25	
Tax Collector	\$32,451.75	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$20.00	
Tax Collector Fees	\$1,769.95	
Treasurer's Salary	\$750.00	
Overlay	\$3,512.75	
Refunds - Town Clerk	\$61.00	
Total Financial Administration		\$49,855.70

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Group Health Insurance	\$45,586.60
Group Dental Insurance	\$2,590.55
FICA	\$14,284.18
Medicare	\$4,448.80
Group 1 Retirement	\$5,585.19
Police Retirement	\$3,773.31
Workers Compensation	\$2,942.31

Total Personnel Administration**\$79,210.94****PLANNING AND ZONING**

Recording Secretary	\$600.00
Engineering/Consultants	\$545.20
SWRPC Member Dues	\$1,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$173.83
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$28.55

Total Planning and Zoning**\$2,747.58****GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$2,237.43
Tax Deeded Property	\$6,934.06
Security/Fire System Maintenance	\$1,537.22
Electricity	\$2,213.88
Heat and Oil	\$3,700.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$10,897.00
Supplies	\$128.85

Total General Government**\$27,648.44****CEMETERIES**

Evergreen Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$1,347.00
Evergreen Maintenance Supplies	\$59.83
Evergreen Equipment Rental/Lease	\$686.50
Sunnyside Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$1,325.95

Total Cemeteries**\$3,419.28****PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE**

NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$12,596.00
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Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance**\$12,596.00****CONTINGENCY FUND**

General Contingency Fund	\$5,301.07
Abatement Interest	\$7.92

Total Contingency Fund**\$5,308.99****POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief/Patrol Officer	\$64,458.40
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$11,074.33
Crossing Guard Salary	\$72.00
Special Detail Wages	\$10,029.10
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$2,966.16

Administrative Telephone	\$2,213.28	
Cellular Telephone	\$868.42	
Lease of Pagers	\$439.40	
Medical Services	\$441.60	
Photo Services	\$255.95	
Dispatch Services	\$5,480.00	
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$2,537.34	
Administrative Office Supplies	\$644.92	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$305.00	
Administrative Gasoline	\$4,148.04	
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$1,854.52	
Books/Periodicals	\$269.00	
Uniforms	\$1,390.42	
Miscellaneous	\$522.08	
Education/Safety	\$220.00	
Total Police Department		\$110,189.96
AMBULANCE SERVICE		
Antrim Ambulance	\$7,500.00	
Total Ambulance Service		\$7,500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Elected Chiefs Salaries	\$1,000.00	
Administrative Telephone	\$402.40	
Dispatch Services	\$2,115.77	
General Supplies	\$2,557.35	
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$4,444.04	
Medical	\$990.47	
Training	\$4,895.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$7,057.51	
Equipment Upgrade	\$4,999.00	
Radio Repairs	\$697.60	
Gasoline	\$467.71	
Repair - Vehicles	\$1,845.30	
Electricity	\$1,572.85	
Heating Oil	\$1,903.00	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$472.30	
Total Fire Department		\$35,420.30
BUILDING INSPECTION		
Building Inspector's Salary	\$750.00	
Total Building Inspection		\$750.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Road Agent Salary	\$26,833.19	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$24,442.26	
Road Agent Overtime	\$2,497.93	
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$2,662.43	
Highway Part-Time Laborer	\$1,628.63	
Telephone	\$391.36	

Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$270.00	
Garage Electricity	\$1,142.00	
Highway Garage Heat	\$2,046.92	
Barn Maintenance/Repairs	\$124.22	
General Supplies	\$4,233.66	
Street Signs	\$34.00	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$3,112.33	
Gasoline/Oil	\$4,528.93	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$3,488.44	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$407.00</u>	
Total General Highway Department		\$77,843.30

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$10,253.83	
Paving	\$34,057.65	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$335.00	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$1,373.66	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$11,907.98	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$4,045.00	
Gravel Preparation	<u>\$3,250.00</u>	
Total Highways and Streets		\$65,223.12

STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting Electricity	<u>\$11,353.31</u>	
Total Street Lighting		\$11,353.31

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Household Hazardous Waste Day	<u>\$10,515.35</u>	
Total Household Hazardous Waste Collection		\$10,515.35

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants	\$24,903.82	
Laborer	\$30.00	
Post-Closure Costs	\$4,931.42	
Telephone	\$441.64	
Hauling and Disposal	\$19,794.75	
Electricity	\$953.76	
Shed Heat	\$25.03	
General Supplies	\$4,021.68	
Equipment Maintenance	\$3.00	
Miscellaneous	\$15.00	
Recyclables Removal	\$1,575.48	
Container Lease	\$1,421.13	
NHRRRA Annual Dues	\$100.00	
Highway Department Assistance	<u>\$1,287.85</u>	
Total Transfer Station		\$59,504.56

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$170.00	
Commissioners Salaries	\$340.00	

Town of Antrim	\$16,791.24	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$100.00	
Postage	\$514.53	
Miscellaneous	\$218.77	
Telephone	\$717.84	
Electricity	\$7,989.00	
Pumphouse Heat	\$943.06	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$2,431.46	
Corrosion Control	<u>\$1,200.54</u>	
Total Water Department		\$31,416.44
SEWER DEPARTMENT		
Sewage Treatment - Town of Antrim	\$16,611.61	
Electricity	\$3,290.36	
Propane	\$500.55	
Repair/Maintenance	<u>\$66.88</u>	
Total Sewer Department		\$20,469.40
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Officer Salary	\$950.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$39.31</u>	
Total Health Department		\$989.31
HEALTH AGENCIES		
Home Health Care	\$4,000.00	
Monadnock Family and Mental Health	<u>\$1,271.00</u>	
		\$5,271.00
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Officer Salary	\$1,957.00	
Telephone Reimbursement	\$8.57	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$60.00	
Postage	\$2.65	
Rental Assistance	\$4,209.75	
St. Joseph Comm. Services	\$975.00	
Vendor Payments - Medical	\$268.08	
Vendor Payment - Food	\$557.77	
Vendor Payment - Electric/Heat	\$2,163.24	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$661.63</u>	
Total Welfare Department		\$10,863.69
PARKS AND RECREATION		
Telephone	\$787.67	
Christmas Party	\$247.05	
Fishing Derby	\$200.00	
Activities	\$656.60	
Little League	\$1,000.00	
Soccer	\$1,924.98	
Miscellaneous	\$529.43	
Groundskeeping	\$6,139.58	

Electricity - Newhall Field	\$376.28	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$675.00	
Lifeguard Salary	\$2,992.00	
Beach Groundskeeping	\$31.00	
Beach Improvements	\$890.55	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$49.00	
Beach Chemical Toilets	<u>\$335.00</u>	
Total Parks and Recreation		\$16,834.14

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$20,748.00	
Librarian Assistants	\$8,220.95	
Book Collection	\$12,000.00	
Telephone	\$1,363.66	
Building Electricity	\$679.83	
Building Heating Oil	\$1,600.00	
Grounds Maintenance	\$42.12	
Building Maintenance	\$787.82	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$1,200.00	
Program Supplies	\$500.00	
Conference/Fees	<u>\$1,550.00</u>	
Total Library		\$48,692.38

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	<u>\$618.09</u>	
Total Patriotic Purposes		\$618.09

SCHOLARSHIP

Edward E. French Scholarship	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total Scholarship		\$500.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dues and Subscriptions	<u>\$150.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission		\$150.00

PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES

Note Repayments	\$1,300.08	
General Obligation Debt	<u>\$26,750.00</u>	
Total Principal - Long Term Notes		\$28,050.08

INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES

Interest on Notes	\$373.77	
Interest General Obligation Debt	<u>\$17,707.76</u>	
Total Interest - Long Term Notes		\$18,081.53

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

Principal - Tax Anticipation Note	\$100,000.00	
Interest - Tax Anticipation Note	<u>\$3,046.98</u>	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		\$103,046.98

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$15,000.00	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$15,000.00	
Rescue Capital Reserve	\$3,000.00	
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	\$23,014.00	
Mower Capital Reserve	\$1,000.00	
Library Capital Reserve	\$5,000.00	
Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$3,000.00	
Highway Truck Capital Reserve	\$15,000.00	
Water Capital Reserve	\$7,537.08	
Sewer Capital Reserve	\$3,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$90,551.08

EXPENDABLE BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Town Buildings Trust Fund	\$29,249.12	
Total Expendable Building Maintenance Fund		\$29,249.12

2000 WARRANT ARTICLES

Starrett Road Water Line	\$9,158.32	
Evergreen Cemetery Survey/Work	\$4,393.25	
Project LIFT	\$450.00	
Antrim Road Guardrails	\$5,853.00	
West Deering Road Construction	\$13,288.00	
Extraction Equipment	\$5,000.00	
Total 2000 Warrant Articles		\$38,142.57

TOTAL 2000 EXPENDITURES**\$1,084,883.73**

2000 PAYROLL

Katharine J. Adams	\$72.00
Catriona D.M. Beck	\$22.50
Debra Belcher	\$3,146.83
Aaron B. Bequeath	\$16,006.31
David Blanchard	\$29,138.47
Matthew Blanchard	\$2,440.48
Dawn A. Bond	\$6,455.95
Catherine C. Campbell	\$1,605.00
C. Stephen Campbell	\$42,755.67
Josephine Carrara	\$132.00
Jennifer L. Cawley	\$660.00
Elizabeth M. Chase	\$45.00
Mark. S. Chase	\$300.00
Michael S. Chase	\$416.00
Louis R. Chatel, Jr.	\$152.00
James W. Cleary	\$750.00
Donald H. Clough, Jr.	\$2,167.75
Gail M. Clow	\$84.00
Paul A. Colby	\$629.60
Dominic Collemacine	\$400.00
John J. Cronin, III	\$40.00
James G. Dodge	\$40.00
Virginia W. Dodge	\$36.00
Lionel H. Emond, III	\$204.25
Lester Foote Sr.	\$18,224.07
Denise P. French	\$30,856.98
John R. French	\$226.00
Kristie J. French	\$1,991.00
Philip Germain	\$850.00
Valerie A. Germain	\$8,552.50
Dorothy Glynn	\$18.00
Jane M. Handy	\$310.50
Chester D. Heinzman Jr.	\$750.00
Barbara A. Huntley	\$2,907.00
Roy J. Johnson	\$194.00
Walter D. Kiblin	\$7,893.80
Ronald L. Kullgren	\$17,755.15
Howard Mabry	\$60.00
Leslie MacGregor	\$19,754.07
Philip M. Marcellino	\$15,407.52
Anna K. Marciniak	\$2,332.00
Joyce L. Miner	\$750.00
Darlene L. McKenney	\$360.00
Linda J. Osienski	\$18.00
Jeremiah E. Paquette	\$516.00
Donald G. Parker, Sr.	\$2,325.00
Caleb S. Platt	\$1,017.00
Melissa A. Putnam	\$7,796.25

William B. Reid	\$26,898.37
Priscilla L. Roberts	\$986.01
David P. Rochford	\$90.00
Terry D. Schnare	\$750.00
Tyler S. St. Cyr	\$4,654.30
Michael Tacy	\$4,576.00
Victoria Turner	\$360.00
Carroll Warren	\$1,015.00
Deborah P. Wilk	\$84.00
Allan D. Wilson	\$300.00
Michael A. Zabriskie	\$332.00
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TOTAL 2000 PAYROLL	<u><u>\$288,810.33</u></u>

DEFAULT BUDGET 2001

Exclusions/Reductions from 2000 Budget:

Function	<u>Default Budget Total</u>
Executive Office	\$ 72,144
Election/Registration	\$ 12,800
Financial Administration	\$ 42,120
Judicial/Legal	\$ 8,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 74,981
Planning/ZBA	\$ 3,650
General Government Buildings	\$ 13,300
Cemeteries	\$ 2,280
Insurance	\$ 15,596
Contingency	\$ 3,000
Police Department	\$ 102,925
Ambulance	\$ 7,500
Fire Department	\$ 40,300
Building Inspector	\$ 750
General Highway	\$ 79,148
Highway/Streets	\$ 65,800
Bridge Maintenance	\$ 1,000
Street Lighting	\$ 11,000
Solid Waste	\$ 55,898
Water	\$ 35,850
Sewer	\$ 31,000
Health/Welfare	\$ 18,448
Recreation	\$ 16,496
Library	\$ 49,158
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 700
Scholarship	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 475
Debt Service	<u>\$ 50,683</u>
TOTAL	\$ 815,502

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, BENNINGTON,

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						PRINCIPAL	
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	%	Balance Beg Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses
CEMETERY FUNDS							
Various	Mt. Calvary Cemetery	Perpetual & General			775.00		
Various	Sunnyside Cemetery	Care	Bank Deps BNH		12,011.73		
Various	Evergreen Cemetery	"	st Essex & Putna		12,289.75		
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS					\$ 25,076.48	\$	
Various	Library Funds	General Expense	BNH		80,241.40		
1994	Edward French	Scholarship	BNH		1,103.97		
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS							
1990	Fire Truck		Bank CD's BNH		44,004.49	15,000.00	
1993	Water Department	equipment	BNH & 1st Essex		15,429.28	3,000.00	
1993	Forestry Truck		Bank CD's BNH		8,516.77	3,000.00	
1994	Library	structure repair	Bank CD's BNH		21,000.00	5,000.00	
1997	Sewer Department	equipment	BNH & 1st Essex		12,500.00	3,000.00	
1997	Rescue Truck		BNH & 1st Essex		8,079.28	3,000.00	
1997	Highway Dept Equipment		Bank CD's BNH		23,000.00	15,000.00	
1998	Highway Dept Truck		Bank CD's BNH		10,787.66	15,000.00	
1999	Police Dept Cruiser		Bank CD's BNH		12,605.99	0.00	
1999	Highway Dept Mower		Bank CD's BNH		1,503.33	1,000.00	
1999	Town Building	repairs	Bank CD's BNH		10,000.00	0.00	
1997	Bridge Expenditures	repairs	Bank CD's BNH		15,000.00	0.00	
TOTALS					\$ 288,848.65	\$ 63,000.00	

NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000

				INCOME					
				Income During Year					
								Grand Total	
Withdrawals	Balance	Balance			Expended	Balance		of Principal	
	Yr. end	Beg Year	%	Amount	During Yr	End Year		& Income	
								At year end	
	775.00	99.03		45.51		144.19		919.19	
	12,011.73	2,643.79		680.73	680.73	2,643.79		14,655.52	
	12,289.75	1,415.06		1,486.00	1,486.00	1,415.06		13,704.81	
	\$ 25,076.48	\$ 4,157.88		\$ 2,212.24	\$ 2,166.73	\$ 4,203.04		29,279.52	
	80,241.40			3,619.39	3,619.39			80,241.40	
	1,103.97	119.29		23.49		142.78		1,246.75	
	59,004.49	2,254.84		2,538.40		4,793.24		63,797.73	
	18,429.28	2,013.09		832.17		2,845.26		21,274.54	
	11,516.77	493.87		497.91		991.78		12,508.55	
	26,000.00	2,602.23		1,172.40		3,774.63		29,774.63	
	15,500.00	794.11		714.44		1,508.55		17,008.55	
	11,079.28	626.47		495.58		1,122.05		12,201.33	
	38,000.00	1,306.57		1,676.60		2,882.17		40,882.17	
	25,787.66	172.28		750.20		922.48		26,710.14	
	12,605.99	199.35		552.50		751.85		13,357.84	
	2,503.33	23.55		84.36		107.91		2,611.24	
10,000.00	0.00	160.56		273.73	434.29	0.00		0.00	
15,000.00	0.00	1,037.34		456.76	1,494.10	0.00		0.00	
25,000.00	\$ 326,848.65	\$ 15,961.43		\$ 15,799.17	\$ 7,714.51	\$ 24,045.74		\$ 1,403,577.56	

G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2000

Beginning Balance	\$181.27
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Receipts	
Trust Fund (thru 11/00)	3192.22
Town	15800.00
Overdue fines	62.93
Copier	653.39
Fundraising/books	265.70
Misc.	17.17
Summer Program	369.85
Total Receipts	20361.26

Expenses	
Books/Audio	15,973.85
Periodicals	564.30
Book Rentals	732.00
Office Equip/Supplies	369.82
Program Supplies/Educ	946.09
Bldg Maintenance	312.00
Postage/Petty Cash	260.00
Copier	1182.00
Fees/banking supplies	83.94
Total Expenses	20424.00

Ending Balance	\$118.53
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Respectfully Submitted.
Michelle A. Hautanen
Library Treasurer

GEP DODGE LIBRARY

The year 2000 arrived quietly without any interruption to our technology or services. We all came to work and everything functioned as it had at midnight on the last day of the century. This is not to say that the rest of the year was peaceful.

Virginia Young, Chairman of the library Trustees and very good friend of the library, died unexpectedly this fall. Ginny was a wonderful and cheerful member of our library community. She worked hard, contributed a lot, and kept everyone happy with her delightful stories and excellent sense of humor. We all miss her very much.

Through the year the course to automation continued, as did the quest for space and refurbishment. The library is entering the 21st century in spirit and technology but the building is having a difficult time keeping pace. New lighting, wiring, window work and shelving are on the docket for 2001. Space, our greatest dilemma, cannot be addressed until a building committee forms and then stays the course.

The summer reading program entitled "Reading Cats and Dogs" was very well attended. We had 113 readers sign up and participate, had two field trips, a whale watch and a trip to Friendly Farm, as well as many excellent story hours. Thank you to all the volunteers who provided their time and talents: Patricia Goodwin, Lisa Shingler, Linda Osienski, Janice Tyler, Sherri Gallant, Betty Coffin, Heidi Schwieger-Thornblad, Linda Bryer, Michelle Hautanen, Suzi Mansfield, and Carrie Whittemore. Thank you to our in-house helpers: Debi Belcher with Laura, Tom and Karen Belcher, and Melissa Putnam. Thank you to the businesses who supported our program: The Toadstool Bookstore, Bennington Garage, Inc., Great Brook Veterinary Clinic and the Bennington Country Store. Without their support there would be no summer reading program.

The theme mascot for this year's summer reading program was "Clifford the Big Red Dog". Clifford was created by Debi Belcher and placed on the library's front lawn where he remained until he was kidnapped on the night of July 4th. The hunt for Clifford ended when his charred remains were discovered in Antrim some weeks later. The resulting publicity from this incident was phenomenal. Coverage included two reports on WMUR TV news and several articles in three area newspapers. Since the summer the library has also received a phone call and a packet of books, mementos and a letter from author and illustrator of Clifford books, Norman Bridwell, who had heard of the Clifford saga all the way down at this home on Martha's Vineyard.

Harry Potter fever struck the universe this July and our library became infected too. To celebrate Harry's Birthday, Debi Belcher created a Harry Potter likeness and with the help of Joe MacGregor and Linda Osienski, suspended this likeness on the flagpole where it "flew" for the remainder of the summer. A few other libraries have since then, borrowed and used Debi's creation for their Harry Potter celebrations.

Thank you to the following people who donate their Sunday afternoons to keep the library open every week: Lisa Shingler, Lisa Logan, Lee Smith, Deb Page, Dorothy Smith, Sherri Gallant, Barbara Varnum, Debi Belcher, and Linda Osienski.

Thank you to those who have gifted the library with subscriptions to newspapers, periodicals, and new books: Jean and Lee Smith, Rose Melanson, Elaine and Dave Barrett, Betty Coffin, Dawn Bond, Rich, Deb and Dennis Page, and Robert and Marion Coffin. Thank you too, to all who have donated their used but useful books to the library.

Thank you to our Trustees: Lise Lemieux, Michelle Hautanen, and Carrie Whittemore for all of their dedication. Thank you to Carrie Whittemore for stepping in, joining the board and volunteering her many talents and for her contagious enthusiasm.

Come check us out. We have a book discussion group for the over 18 crowd, story hours for children, holiday programs, how to understand the stock market class, one on one tutoring for surfing the web, a public Internet connection, a FAX machine, a copying machine, IRS tax forms, videos, books on tape and BOOKS!

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie MacGregor
Library Director

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2000 arrived and we all survived in Town without any major computer glitches. Beginning a new century seemed to be on everyone's mind and of course we would all like to make this next hundred years without any World Wars, Depressions and disasters. Bennington's men and women fought in two World Wars and the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars. Bennington endured severe hardships during the Great Depression - the Monadnock Paper Mills did not close, but remained working for only two to three days per week. The Hurricane and Flood of 1938 brought devastation to river and mill areas, many buildings were destroyed and some were never rebuilt. Somehow everyone was more caring then and we all looked after each other.

The winter of 2000 was unusually warm with very little snow, the spring and summer were deluged with rain - the most ever recorded in New Hampshire since they began keeping records. Our gardens yielded a poor crop of fruits, vegetables and flowers - they didn't get enough sun and warm weather to grow properly.

At the Historical Society's late summer meeting we had a guest speaker on clocks, Stephen Sanborn of Sunapee, NH. The tall case clock and the Pierce School clock in the museum were cleaned and adjusted by Mr. Sanborn - they were both running during our meeting. We had forty members and friends attend this very interesting lecture. We voted to have Mr. Sanborn clean and refurbish two remaining clocks at Pierce School - these are the original clocks from the time Col. Pierce gave the school to the Town.

The Historical Society's second annual Christmas Open House was a huge success. Ron McClure donated a live Christmas tree and Chris McClure's class at the Pierce School made decorations and decorated the tree and sang Christmas Carols on Friday December 8. Each student received a small gift from the Society and an orange to take home - the oranges were donated by member Pearl Walker. Society members decorated a second tree with a "Yesterdays" theme using old decorations and some handmade, old-fashioned glass ornaments donated by the Old Hancock Glass Works of Antrim. Society members set up displays of old cookbooks - gourmet treats were made from some of the recipes to sample on Sunday and a table was setup with china place settings from parents and grandparents of some of the members.

On Sunday, December 10 over seventy-five people attended an Open House from one to three in the afternoon - they viewed the trees and displays; sampled "early" and "modern" treats and joined in singing Christmas Carols. Nora Lee Sysyn and her sons sang Christmas songs and led the "sing-a-long". During the festivities, the Society accepted toys and gifts to give to Bennington's less fortunate citizens.

We owe a vote of thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to Chairperson Barbara Willis and her assistants Sandy Cleary and Verna Paige. Thanks also to the students and teachers at Pierce School. Chief Steve Campbell helped with car parking during several Society functions and also did a great job of photography.

The old "Town Barn" was razed in April - the space will be used as a parking lot for the Town, school and museum. The area needs landscaping and paving.

The Northeast is hoping for a fairly mild winter season and some snow - hopefully the temperatures won't drop too low - the short supply of heating oil has caused an escalation in prices.

This was the 18th year of fund raising for the Bennington Historical Society and again we were successful. Our Ham and Baked Bean Dinner netted \$1,000 and the Roast Turkey Dinner raised \$1,400 - this will be added to our building fund and projects/fuel oil fund for the museum. Thanks to all the "Dinner Crew" for the help they gave us.

Michael Dionne and Frank Carrara refurbished and refinished several pieces of furniture and some toys left to the Society by Georgietta Bryer. They are on display at the museum.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the dedicated members of our Society for their continuing support of Town, school and museum projects. We look forward to our next major effort - the writing of a complete Bennington History. I will report on our progress in next year's Town Report.

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Glynn, President

Bennington Planning Board

This has been a year of great transition for the Planning Board. Three of our members have had to step down due to family and work circumstances. Gayle Rochford and Jamie Fox both moved out of town to be closer to work for themselves or their spouses. Gayle had been a board member for many years, and was the board co-chair last year. Jamie, although he served for only two years, was an insightful, committed member. Doug Wilk, after serving on the board for almost a decade — as a member, board secretary, and alternate — decided that the expanding nature of his job limited his ability to participate on the board, and stepped down this past Fall. We are most grateful to all three of these folks for their extraordinary contributions and dedication. We wish them all well.

Filling these three vacancies was a top priority for the board. We are indeed fortunate to have found three terrific, knowledgeable people — Letitia Rice and Terry Shields, who will, at least, serve out the terms of Gayle and Jamie, and Catriona Beck, who is the alternate replacing Doug.

Although all are new to town government in Bennington, they bring a most welcome energy and work ethic to the board, as well as valuable new perspectives on the town and our work.

Three important issues dominated the work of the board this past year — telecommunications facilities, impact fees for developers, and proposed new lot size requirements for the rural/ agricultural zone. All are intended for the better management of short- and long-term growth in Bennington. There are warrant articles on this year's ballot related to all three of these issues and the board strongly urges voters to support them.

With the assistance of Southwest Regional Planning Commission, we drafted an ordinance that gives the town authority to regulate the construction and maintenance of telecommunication towers. The new ordinance provides the necessary guidelines for the safe operation of such facilities while minimizing the visual, environmental, and economic impact on the town. New

technologies in this field allow towers to be hidden or camouflaged in such ways to preserve the vistas of our most cherished natural areas — Crotched Mountain, Powder Mill Pond and the Contoocook River corridor.

The proposed ordinance on impact fees is at the recommendation of our town counsel. For the past fifteen years, Bennington, like most towns in New Hampshire, have, if deemed appropriate, imposed impact fees on developers if their activity substantially impacted town services and the associated costs. A recent court challenge in Derry has overturned that assumed practice and all towns have been urged to pass these new ordinances to protect the towns financially.

The third warrant article proposes an increase in the minimum lot size in the rural/ agricultural zone in the town. Changing the minimum lot size would have little effect on the majority of smaller land owners who may want to do a minor subdivision in the future. It would, however, reduce the number of build able lots into which a large tract of land could be subdivided. This would help create a more manageable growth of the town and help to minimize the tax burden associated with residential development.

A final activity of the board this year has been to lay the ground work for a two-year process to reexamine the town's twelve-year old Master Plan and make appropriate changes based on any new or anticipated realities in the town. We will welcome input from lots of folks in town as we move forward on this initiative.

We are grateful to everyone who has assisted the board in 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Eppig, chairperson
Frank Cordelle
Letitia Rice
Terry Shields
Phil Germain, ex officio
Catriona Beck, alternate

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year of "Y2K" has passed and it was another productive and busy year for the police department. Overall the number of incidents for the police department has increased. To compare and see statistics for the year please refer to the chart located in the Town Report.

Please keep a watch in your neighborhood and the Town. If you see anything that looks suspicious, out of place or unusual please call the police. My goal is not only to reduce crime but to prevent it from happening in the first place.

Again, we have had some changes in personnel. Officer Aaron Bequeath has changed from full-time status to part-time status. Officer Phil Marcellino has changed from part-time status to full-time status.

We had another Bicycle Rodeo (Bicycle Safety Program). It was conducted at the Monadnock Papermill. Participants also included the Hancock and Greenfield Police Departments. We had an excellent turnout; all children (and parents) had a good time. The Bennington Police Department donated a bicycle helmet to the riders who needed one – about twenty-five in all.

The "Officer Phil" Program (safety program covering many areas) was held at the Pierce School. The feedback given suggested the children enjoyed the program. This program was made possible by contributions made by the town businesses. We look forward to having the program again next year.

We also received two grants from the State Highway Safety Agency; one for Driving While Intoxicated and one for Speed Enforcement. These grants allowed us to have extra patrols which concentrated on making the roads safer. Both programs were very effective and successful.

Remember we also have Car Safety Seats. We have a combination of fifteen infant, booster and convertible seats. These seats are available to loan out to anyone who is in need of a car seat. If you need a seat please contact the police department.

It was decided between the Board of Selectmen and myself to hire a crossing guard. Katharine Adams has been volunteering her time to do crossing guard duties since October. Since she showed an interest in volunteering her time it was decided that she would be a good choice for the position. She was offered the job and accepted. She has agreed to do the crossing guard duties at least two times per day (morning and afternoon) and if time permits she also agreed to do the duty during lunch time.

By the time you read this report I will have been working in Bennington for more than six years (4 ½ as chief). I still enjoy my job and Bennington. As always I pledge to be professional and fair in carrying out my duties – even when I have to make a tough and/or negative decision.

Thank you for your support. If you need or see anything requiring police assistance remember you can call us 24-hours a day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Campbell
Chief of Police

BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year the Department responded to 126 calls. Rescue calls were on the rise from the past year. We had members attend a 200 hour Fire Fighter One class that was held at the station. This year we also obtained Extrication equipment.

In the coming year, we will be having members of the Department attending an Emergency Medical Technician course and a Fire Fighter Two course with other towns.

All of the members of the Fire Department wish to thank the taxpayers for their support this past year and for their continued support in 2001.

The following breakdown will show the activity for the Bennington Fire and Rescue Department.

Brush Calls	10
Chimney Fires	4
Cover Assignments	1
False Alarms	3
Fire Company Alarms	7
Lines Down	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15
Motor Vehicle Fires	1
Mutual Aid	11
Structure Calls	10
Rescue Calls	63
Total	126

Respectfully Submitted,
Bennington Fire Department

BENNINGTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

At the Bennington Highway Department the transition from one century to the other went by quietly.

After a slow start the winter of 1999 to 2000, with about fifteen snow and ice storms, brought us to April with grading of our gravel roads and spring cleanup.

Next was drainage and ditch work on Mill Road (Antrim Road), 80 yards of stone and 48 yards of bankrun gravel were placed in the big ditch on Antrim Road. That was followed by crushed gravel for a four-foot shoulder. The rest was loamed and seeded. We went on to Eaton Avenue and emplaced a new 15-inch cross culvert. A catch basin and 125 feet of drainage pipe were installed and the area was loamed and seeded.

In June 1000 yards of gravel were crushed and stockpiled and all gravel roads were graded with crushed gravel added as needed.

Culvert drainage work continued on through July. In August 1500 yards of screened sand was stockpiled, 1000 for winter sand and 500 for tarring and sealing.

In August we also took down the cable and pulled out the guard posts on Antrim Road in preparation for new guard posts. After the new posts were driven in we intended to put the cable back up, but after a conversation with the Town's insurance carrier on liability of cable for guardrails it was decided to wait a year and appropriate the money for a new guardrail to be hung on the new posts. You will find a request for this purpose in this year's Warrant.

Brushcutting, ditch and culvert cleaning on Dodge Road and Paradise Drive were done in preparation of tarring and sealing. Also in the sealing schedule were Old Stage Coach Road and Dodge Hill Road. We shimmed and sealed two miles of road this year and have increased the sealing budget in hopes of doing four miles in 2001.

The Deering Road project went well. Due to delays caused by the Utility Company's schedule, final grading of the pugmill surface will be done in the spring. This year we would like to do another 1000 feet towards Deering. This would take care of the worst of the riverbank erosion problem. You will see a Warrant article to address this. There will also be a Warrant article that will deal with the replacement of the Town's loader/backhoe. Our current one is thirteen years old and has over 8000 hours on it. The time has come to trade it in before anything expensive does wear on it. We have a Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose, and along with trade-in and this year's appropriation we should be able to purchase a new one.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Blanchard
Road Agent

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bennington is in real good shape health and safety-wise. The State is very helpful and cooperative when we do have a problem. There are a few sub-standard dwellings in Town that are now being upgraded for the safety of the inhabitants. The expense is shared with the Welfare Department. The project can be shared with various State agencies.

Our children and elderly are receiving good care from Meals-on-Wheels, WIC, Visiting Nurse, Home-Health Care, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Huntley
Health Officer

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

2000 was a busy and rather expensive year. Rental Assistance and fuel were the big items as usual. The Fuel Assistance Program continues to be most helpful but unfortunately the heating season is well under way before the Program goes into effect. However, the recipients have more than doubled in the past two years. I urge anyone that might need help with fuel bills to contact me, early enrollment in the Program can be helpful.

The year ended on a happy note with wonderful help from "Operation Santa Claus" and other donations for our elderly and needy citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Huntley
Overseer of Public Welfare

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Bennington Conservation Commission had a couple of ongoing projects this year. We continue to review wetland and timber issues (including permits).

As part of our work to encourage young people to be involved with town conservation issues, we supported an Eagle Scout project to measure, mark and script a town boundary. This project is now available for review.

We remain keenly interested in the protection of our vital lands such as river, wetland and conservation areas. We hope to do more to place some of these lands into protection programs.

Our continuing fieldwork to establish where our town boundaries are focused on Franchestown/Deering lines this year. Our excursions into the "wild" has convinced us of the value of obtaining a GPS system. We hope to do more with landowners with town boundaries on their property.

As before, there are commissioners whose terms are finished this year. We encourage interested citizens to contact us and serve on the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bennington Conservation Commission

Jon Manley, Chairman
David Barrett
Peter Eppig
Bruce Edes
Joe MacGregor
Dennis McKenney
Terry Schnare

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Cemeteries were able to get the newest north section of the Evergreen Cemetery surveyed and the lots marked out. This is something that had never been done since it was added in the late 1950's. We are hopeful that we will be able to get another section done this year, 2001, again this has not been done since the Cemetery was started.

We were also able to get two headstones that had been broken repaired, and another thirty headstones straightened up. We have approximately 75 more headstones that are in need of being straightened. This year our goal is to see if we can repair another thirty-five, with the remainder being done in the year 2002.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Traxler
Jill S. Young
Charles Zabriski, Sr.
Cemetery Trustees

CEMETERY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

Restoration of Gravestones	\$ 1,120.00
Surveying and Marking of Lots	\$ 3,248.00
Agway - Fertilizer, Grass Seed, and Straw	\$ 49.88
Edmunds' Hardware - Padlocks and Tape	\$ 21.57
Mike Zabriski - Labor	\$ 272.00
Grounds Keeping	
Sunnyside	\$ 1,325.95
Evergreen	<u>\$ 1,635.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,672.40

INTEREST PAID TO TOWN FROM TRUST FUNDS

Interest Paid to the Town From Trust Funds	\$ 2,166.73
Sale of Lots From the Evergreen and Sunnyside Cemeteries	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,766.73

ELECTION REPORT 2001

The year 2000 was a very busy one for elections. Many of us are breathing a sigh of relief that it's over. 2001, as an odd-numbered year, will bring us to the polls only once, for Town Elections. Important dates are:

FEBRUARY 26	Last day for selectmen to post warrant articles
MARCH 3	Supervisors' Session - Town Hall - 11AM - 12PM
MARCH 13	Town Elections - Fire Department - Polls open 8AM - 7PM

As of the November General Election, Bennington has 1060 registered voters (66 of whom registered on the day of the election!): 232 Democrats, 371 Republicans, and 447 Undeclared voters.

Copies of the Bennington Checklist are available on request for \$10 in both paper and computer disk forms. Registration cards on file and prior years' checklists are open to inspection during normal Town Hall business hours.

CHANGING PARTY AFFILIATION

Since there are no Primaries in 2001, it is relatively easy to change your party affiliation if you desire. Simply ask for a form to do the same from the town clerk during her regular hours or from the supervisors at one of their sessions or at town election or school district meeting. *On even numbered years it is important to pay attention to the deadlines for changing party affiliation.*

REGISTRATION

Voters can get on the checklist in three ways:

- 1) Same Day Registration. Register at the polls on the day of the election.
- 2) Register with the Supervisors of the Checklist at one of their scheduled sessions. This year's sessions are:

January 23, Tuesday, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

March 3, Saturday, from 11:00 to Noon

- 3) Register with the Town Clerk during regular Town Hall hours.

In all cases, you don't need to bring a picture ID to register, but you *do* need to bring proof of age -- an ID with your birth date on it; *and* proof of residency -- something with your street address on it -- a bill, a letter from your landlord, an ID (such as a drivers' licence) with your street address on it, or your parents to vouch for you, if they are registered to vote in town.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you will not be in town for any of the elections, please try to vote absentee. You can even vote absentee if you are not sure if your work and commuting schedule will allow you to get to the polls in time. If you're not sure, it's always better to vote absentee. Your vote counts!

If you plan to vote absentee, please plan ahead. The Town Clerk has all the forms you will need, and she can tell you how to file absentee, and what the deadlines are for each election. Separate forms must be gotten for each election. Call the Town Hall at 588-2189 for information.

THE TEN-YEAR VERIFICATION OF THE CHECKLIST

2001 is the year that we get to clean up the checklist. For a number of reasons, there are many names on the checklist of people who no longer vote in town. Probably the most common reason is that most people, when they move, do not bother to tell the supervisors that they will no longer be voting in Bennington. Although there is a system by which local supervisors inform other towns when someone has registered in a new town, the information does not always make it back to us. So once every ten years, the supervisors are required by law to verify their checklist. There are several steps to this process:

- 1) Anyone who registered in the years 2000 & 2001 automatically stays on the checklist.
- 2) Anyone who voted in the year 2000 in the presidential primary, the state primary, the state general election, town election, school district election, or any special election, will remain on the checklist.
- 3) After April 1, the supervisors will begin to post notices and hold sessions to allow people who do not fit into the above categories the opportunity to "reregister" and keep their names on the checklist.
- 4) Anyone whose name has not remained on the checklist by the previous three methods will be informed in writing at their last known address of the need to reregister and the opportunities for doing so.

It sounds complicated, but hopefully it will be relatively painless for all involved! The supervisors are required to complete this process and submit a verified checklist to the Secretary of State by September 1. The great advantage to this process is that, with the removal of defunct names from the checklist, our voter turnout percentage will get a great boost! We will keep you posted with any updates to this process. Check the Town Hall and library bulletin boards.

Thanks once again to voters, elected officials, and volunteers alike!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Bond
Darlene McKenney
Victoria Turner
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

What if the lights went out, or the power went down, or the gas pumps didn't work, or your home computer crashed, or the bank closed your account because of Y2K problems? What if your town's transfer station stopped working and stopped accepting household waste! The fact is solid waste is present 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year Y2K or not. It is our responsibility as citizens of Bennington and of this planet to recognize this and take appropriate actions every day to keep our wastes to a minimum. Our thanks go out to the persistent group of citizens who continue the established practice of recycling even in the face of fluctuating market values.

The year 2000 marked the introduction of another taxpayer service. On January 1st the transfer station began accepting large "Bulky" items such as chairs, sofas, mattresses, etc. This new program helps to alleviate the frustration and inconvenience of taking large goods to Waste management's facility in Peterborough. Another new development this year was a cooperative effort between Greenfield, Antrim and Hancock during our Household Hazardous Waste Day. This successful program held on October 14 helped to reduce some of the most dangerous wastes in our area. Hazardous wastes such as oil-based paints, household cleaners, asbestos, acids and bases, alkaline batteries, aerosols, pesticides and herbicides, lead and mercury were some of the items accepted that day. This event was again subsidized in part by the State's Department of Environmental Services.

And the numbers are in; 685,200 pounds of materials were brought to the transfer station in the year 2000. This number does not include organic wastes such as leaves or wood scraps. That's approximately 500 lbs per person. Of this number, we had recycled 186,000 pounds of cardboard, glass, papers, metals, waste oils, plastics, aluminum, batteries and tires. This works out to 28% of recycled goods were diverted from the waste stream. That's great but we can do better with your help. The following is a breakdown of items recycled:

Cardboard	10,400 lbs	Glass	42,000 lbs
Tires	116	Metals	70,000 lbs
Waste Oils	610 gallons	Oil Filters	98
Plastics	8,120 lbs	Aluminum Cans	3,500 lbs
Newspapers	42,280 lbs	Batteries	123
Fluorescent Bulbs	98	Alkaline batteries	300 lbs
Contaminated Waste Oils	30 gallons		

What's ahead? Well, not anticipated with pleasure is the end of Bennington's five-year contract with Waste Management Inc. That contract has provided us with tipping and hauling charges, since 1995, at 20% less than most of the communities in New Hampshire. Year 2001 will begin a new negotiating process with waste haulers for best possible disposal costs; contracts should be finalized by year's end.

The staff at the transfer station lost one of its important members this past year, Mike Cook. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and friends, we will miss his dedication to the transfer station.

We extend our gratitude to Lester Foote and Mike Tacy for their good work at the transfer station. Other thanks to Dave Blanchard who contributes a portion of his Highway time to make things tick.

Solid Waste Trivia: More people go to the transfer station than attend town meeting or voting!

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip R. Germain
Solid Waste Committee

BENNINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

We set a goal for the year 2000, in fact, this goal is more like our motto, "To Have FUN". We accomplished that goal with great success this past year by incorporating our time-tested favorites with new and invigorating programs. The great thing about the recreation programs we sponsor is we see results the day it happens. Every time we set up an event and people show up, we have success. Everytime we see a child smile we have success. You could sum up our entire year in three words "Fun, Entertaining and Successful".

The Recreation Committee worked hard this past year to bring you even more programs to the already popular recreation programs. Some of the new events that happened this past year were:

Glow Bowling: What a great event for the end of winter. Over sixty people joined us at Bowling Acres one Friday night and packed the lanes full with bowlers. The pinsetters and ball returns could hardly keep up with our exuberant bowling mob.

1st Annual Easter Egg Decorating: The chickens worked overtime this year when we decided to sponsor this new program. It was quite a scramble at the fire station that morning dying and decorating eggs. This program will surely be in the "nest" for next year.

1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Promptly after the Easter egg decorating the kids hustled over to Sawyer Field for the 1st annual Easter egg hunt. About 40-50 kids attended this spring event. Over 50 dozen pink, blue, green, yellow and orange plastic eggs, chuck full of goodies and surprises, were hidden in the park. After the hunt a special guest arrived to greet the kids, the Easter Bunny. He was tall, white and fluffy and was a joy to all the youngsters.

Of course, let's not forget our traditional favorites, always well-liked and attended.

2nd Annual Winter Sledding Party: Our biggest turnout ever with over 80 people sledding, eating hot dogs, popcorn and hot cocoa and warming up by the Huge Bonfire.

Fishing Derby: This great event happens every year on the 4th Saturday in April. Kids 15 years and younger are encouraged to fish to their limit. This past year there was more water outside the pond than in the pond itself as the rain soaked us to the bone, but fisher boys and girls are a dedicated lot.

The Bennington Youth Baseball had another successful year winning the number #1 spot in the league. Congratulations and special thanks to the dedicated coaches and parents.

2nd annual Little Red Wagon Road Show a beautiful summer day at Sawyer Park for performances by the University of New Hampshire actors. It was a picnic perfect setting with free hot dogs and soda for all.

Bennington Youth Soccer had an excellent season with over two dozen youngsters setting and scoring goals. The soccer field had received some new equipment this past year, soccer goals. A great addition to a growing program. Thanks to all parents and volunteer coaches.

Whitemore Beach home to our favorite swimming hole received yet another load of new clean beach sand. We apologize to those early beach goers who might have been inconvenienced by the persistent family of geese. Perhaps roast duck l'orange would be in order.

2nd annual Pumpkin Decorating held a week before the haunted hayride is carving out quite a name for itself with kids of all ages. A new fall favorite.

The Haunted Hayride a time honored favorite was filled with tricks and treats. A record number of people laying low in the hay passed by the haunted streets of Bennington that evening. A special thanks to the drivers and volunteers for making the eerie journey a safe one, -year after year.

Our annual **Christmas program** with tree lighting, caroling, and Christmas goodies was held in spite of the wet and cold weather.

Enough about what we did last year. What about next year? Well, we have a few new programs we would like to try out. How about a bus trip to Foxwoods? Should we try our luck? Or How about the return of the very popular Old Home Days? These are a few of the new events coming soon to you.

Our special thanks to the dedicated volunteers, friends, family members and town organizations that helped make it all happen.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Bennington Recreation Committee

Bruce Edes
Rich & Debbie Page
Sfa Whitemore (Co-Chairperson)

Valeric Germain

Dotti Zabriski (Secretary)
Scott Liljeberg
Philip R. Germain (Co-Chairperson)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

At its meeting on September 27, 1999, the Committee voted to recommend the highest Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Fund budget in Bennington's history. And, on March 14, 2000 the taxpayers approved the entire package, \$132,000.

The breakdown was:

Fire Truck	\$ 15,000	Rescue Van	\$ 3,000
Water Department	\$ 7,000	Mower	\$ 1,000
Forestry Truck	\$ 3,000	Highway Equipment	\$ 15,000
Highway Truck	\$ 15,000	Bridge Mntnce; ETF	\$ 5,000
Police Cruiser	\$ 12,500	Bridge Replacement	\$ 13,000
Library	\$ 5,000	Town Buildings; ETF	\$ 35,000
Sewer Department	\$ 3,000		

Those of you who follow these expenditures each year will recognize quickly that the big jump from prior years was in the \$35,000 appropriation to replace the Town Hall's roof. This might be a good place to pause and note that the appropriation was in the form of an "expendable trust fund" as opposed to the more traditional "capital reserve fund". The only significant difference between the two is that withdrawals from an expendable trust fund can be made by authority of the Selectmen between Town Meetings. Official Town Meeting action is not required, although, as a matter of policy and procedure voters will be informed in advance of the proposed use of the appropriation.

The roof has been replaced! Many people were sorry to see the slate go, but the study committee was thorough and came up with the best possible course of action for the community.

The only other capital expenditure during the year was for a replacement Police Cruiser. We are now on a cycle which will see us purchasing a cruiser every other year, meaning that no officer will be a driving a cruiser more that four years old, cutting down on repair costs and maximizing trade-in value.

The Bridge Replacement Fund needs explaining. We share equally with Antrim the responsibility for maintaining the bridge, at the intersection of Bible Hill Road and North Bennington Road (Antrim's Depot Street). The Selectmen from both communities wish to replace it, taking advantage of 80% payment by State Bridge Aid funds. The cost estimates both Town's worked with a year ago were in error; unfortunately only a third of what the real expense will be. Accurate figures and a formal application for State Aid have been filed by the two towns. In the meantime, development of capital reserves is being pursued and the Committee has recommended a second \$13,000 appropriation to that Fund in the 2001 budget. The entire process can take up to five years.

The Committee meets only once or twice per year, but we would like you to know that at any time in the year, we are open to your ideas and suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe MacGregor, Chairman

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
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Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
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2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous *	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

**PROPOSED FOR TOWN MEETING 2001
REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PLACEMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

SECTION I: AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted by the Town of Bennington on March 13, 2001 in accordance with the authority granted by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 674:16 and 21.

SECTION II: PURPOSE

These regulations have been enacted in order to establish general guidelines for the siting of towers and antennas and to enhance and fulfill the following goals:

- A. Preserve the authority of the Town of Bennington to regulate and provide for reasonable opportunity for the siting of telecommunications facilities.
- B. Enhance the ability of providers of telecommunications services to provide such services to the community effectively and efficiently.
- C. Reduce the adverse impacts such facilities may create on, including, but not limited to: flight corridors of migratory birds, aesthetics, environmentally sensitive areas, historically significant locations, health and safety by injurious accidents to person and property, and diminution of property values.
- D. Preserve Bennington's unique viewsheds and scenic values, in particular those associated with Crotched Mountain, Powder Mill Pond, and the Contoocook River corridor.

SECTION III: DEFINITIONS

- A. **Antenna:** Means any exterior apparatus designed for telephonic, radio, television, personal communications service, pager network, or any other communications through the sending and/or receiving of electromagnetic waves of any bandwidth.
- B. **Average Tree Canopy Height:** Means the average height found by inventorying the height above ground level of all trees over 20 feet in height for a radius of 150 feet.
- C. **Lattice Tower:** A type of mount that is self-supporting with multiple legs and cross-bracing of structural steel.
- D. **Tower:** Means any structure that is designed and constructed primarily for the purpose of supporting one or more antennas.
- E. **Telecommunications Facilities:** Means any antenna, tower, or other structure intended for use in connection with the transmission or reception of radio or television signals or any other electromagnetic spectrum-based transmission/receptions.

SECTION IV: LOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

Telecommunications facilities may be permitted in all districts, provided that they are camouflaged, hidden or disguised; this provision notwithstanding, in no case shall a lattice-type tower be permitted. In no case, however, shall such a facility be sited in a location that would impact any view to Crooked Mountain.

SECTION V: PERMITTED USES

- A. **Principal or Secondary Use.** Telecommunications facilities may be considered either principal or secondary uses. Having an existing-permitted use on site shall not preclude the addition of a telecommunications facility as a Secondary Use as long as all other provisions of the Ordinance are met. A different existing use or an existing structure on the same lot shall not preclude the installation of a facility on such lot. For purposes of determining whether the installation complies with district development regulations, including but not limited to setback and lot coverage requirements, the dimensions of the entire lot shall control, even though the facility may be located on leased parcels within such lots. Facilities that are installed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall not be deemed to constitute the expansion of a nonconforming use or structure.
- B. Any alteration of the original permitted use and device configuration of the facility will require a new approval.
- C. **Amateur Radio; Receive-Only Antennas.** This Ordinance shall not govern any tower, or the installation of any antenna that is under 70 feet in height and is owned and operated by a federally-licensed amateur radio station operator or is used exclusively for receive-only antennas. This Ordinance adopts the provisions and limitations as referenced in RSA 674:16,IV.
- D. **Essential Services & Public Utilities.** Telecommunication facilities shall not be considered infrastructure, essential services, or public facilities, as defined or used elsewhere in the Town's ordinances and regulations. Siting for WTF is a use of land, and is addressed by this Section.

SECTION VI: CONSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. **Federal Requirements.** All facilities must meet or exceed current standards and regulations of the FAA, FCC, and any other agency of the federal government with the authority to regulate such facilities. If such standards and regulations are changed, the owners of facilities governed by this Ordinance shall bring these into compliance within six (6) months of the effective date of the changes, unless a more stringent compliance schedule is mandated by the controlling federal agency. Failure to bring facilities into compliance with any changes shall constitute grounds for the removal, in accordance with Section X, of the tower or antenna, as abandoned, at the owner's expense through the execution of the posted security.
- B. **Building Codes/Safety Standards.** To ensure the structural integrity of towers and antennas, all facilities must be maintained in compliance with standards contained in applicable local building codes and the applicable standards for towers that are published by the Electronic Industries Association. If, upon inspection, the Town concludes that a tower fails to comply with such codes and standards and constitutes a danger to persons or property, then upon notice being provided to the owner of the tower, the owner shall have 30 days to bring such tower into compliance with such standards. If the owner fails to bring such tower into compliance within 30

days, such action shall constitute an abandonment and grounds for the removal, in accordance with Section X, of the tower or antenna, as abandoned, at the owner's expense through execution of the posted security.

C. **Additional Requirements for Telecommunications Facilities.** These requirements shall supersede any and all other applicable standards found elsewhere in Town Ordinances or Regulations that are less strict.

1. **Height.** In no case may any new tower or other support be higher than 100 feet where there is no tree canopy, or 20 feet above the average tree canopy in the proposed location.
2. **Setbacks and Separation.** Towers shall be set back a distance equal to 125% of the height of the tower from any existing on-site structure and/or property line. Towers, guys, and accessory facilities must satisfy the minimum zoning district setback requirements.
3. **Security Fencing.** Towers shall be enclosed by security fencing not less than six (6) feet in height and shall also be equipped with an appropriate anti-climbing device.
4. **Landscaping.**
 - a. A buffer shall be provided that effectively screens the view of the compound from adjacent residential property. The standard buffer shall consist of a landscaped strip at least 10 feet wide outside the perimeter of the compound. Natural vegetation is preferred.
 - b. In locations where the visual impact of the compound would be minimal or non-existent, the landscaping requirement may be reduced or waived entirely.
 - c. Existing mature tree growth and natural landforms on the site shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible. In some cases, such as towers sited on large wooded lots, natural growth around the property may be deemed a sufficient buffer.
5. **Camouflaging.**
 - a. At a tower site, the design of the buildings and related structures shall, to the maximum extent possible, use materials, colors, textures, screening, and landscaping that will blend the tower facilities with the natural setting and built environment.
 - b. If an antenna is installed on a structure other than a tower, the antenna and supporting electrical and mechanical equipment must be of a neutral color that is identical to, or closely compatible with, the color of the supporting structure so as to make the antenna and related equipment visually unobtrusive.
6. **Balloon Test.** The applicant shall provide notice of a date on which a balloon (or balloons) will be floated at the proposed site, and provide pictures from all locations around town and within 20 miles from which the balloon(s) is visible.
7. A plan shall be submitted indicating methods for addressing any adverse impacts on migratory bird populations.

SECTION VII: CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

- A. General.** Telecommunications Facilities are permitted only after obtaining a Conditional Use Permit. All such uses must comply with other applicable ordinances and regulations of the Town of Bennington. All applications will be subject to the Bennington Site Plan Review Regulations.
- B. Issuance of Conditional Use Permits.** In granting the Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board may impose conditions to the extent the Board concludes such conditions are necessary to minimize any adverse effect of the proposed tower on adjoining properties, and preserve the intent of this Ordinance.
1. **Procedure on Application.**
 - a. The Planning Board shall act upon the application in accordance with the procedural requirements of the Site Plan Review Regulations and RSA 676:4.
 - b. All towns within 20 miles of the proposed location will be notified of the public hearing, by certified mail, to be paid by the applicant. A notice will also be posted in the newspaper customarily used for legal notices by these municipalities. Such notice shall be published not less than 7 days nor more than 21 days prior to the public hearing date.
 2. **Decisions.** All decisions shall be rendered in writing, in accordance with RSA 676:3 and the National Wireless Telecommunications Siting Policy – Section 332(c)(47 U.S.C.332(c)), which mandates that a denial be based upon substantial evidence contained in the written record.
 3. **Permit Review.** All permits shall be reviewed every three years, following an inspection of the site by the Planning Board or designated agent. The purpose of this is to ensure continued compliance with all conditions of approval, and to review the status of the performance bond.
 4. **Factors Considered in Granting Decisions:**
 - a. Height of proposed tower or other structure does not exceed that which is essential for its intended use and public safety.
 - b. Proximity of tower to residential development or zones.
 - c. Nature of uses on adjacent and nearby properties.
 - d. Surrounding topography.
 - e. Surrounding tree coverage and foliage.
 - f. Design of the tower, with particular reference to design characteristics that have the effect of reducing or eliminating visual obtrusiveness.
 - g. Proposed ingress and egress to the site.
 - h. Availability of suitable existing towers and other structures as discussed in subparagraphs D.3 and D.4 of this Section.

- i. Visual impacts on viewsheds, ridgelines, and other impacts by means of tower location, tree and foliage clearing and placement of incidental structures.
- j. That the proposed facility will not unreasonably interfere with the view from any public park, natural scenic vista, historic building or major view corridor.
- k. That the proposed wireless telecommunication facility, tower, or antenna is not constructed in such a manner as to result in needless height, mass, and guy-wire supports.
- l. Availability of alternative tower structures and alternative siting locations.
- m. That the construction of the proposed facility will not result in undue disruption to the land from tree clearing, grading, road building, etc.

C. **Plan Requirements.** Each applicant requesting a Conditional Use Permit under this Ordinance shall submit a scaled plan showing or accompanied by the following information:

- 1. Title block that shows the name of the development or project.
- 2. North arrow, date of plat, scale; name, address and seal of all persons preparing the plat.
- 3. Signature block for Planning Board endorsement.
- 4. Vicinity sketch and zoning district(s).
- 5. Total area of the parcel in acres and square feet.
- 6. Lot frontage.
- 7. Boundary lines and approximate dimensions and bearings.
- 8. Tax map and lot numbers.
- 9. Locations and descriptions of any existing or proposed easements, deed restrictions, or covenants.
- 10. Physical features on the site and within 200 feet of the site.
- 11. Soil information based on the Hillsborough County Soil Survey.
- 12. All natural features, such as streams, ponds, wetlands, etc.
- 13. Existing and proposed grades and contours, and base flood elevations.
- 14. Shape, size, height, location and use of existing and proposed structures on the site.
- 15. Existing buildings and structures within 500 feet of the site.
- 16. Access to the site, with location and width of existing and proposed driveways.
- 17. A driveway permit been granted from either the NH DOT or the Town of Bennington.

18. Locations, names, right-of-way and travel widths of any existing and proposed roads on the property and within 200 feet of the site.
19. Final road profiles and cross sections for any new roads.
20. Locations and sizes of all electric and telephone lines on the site.
21. Existing and proposed fire hydrants and/or fire ponds.
22. Existing and proposed methods of handling stormwater runoff, and the direction of the flow indicated by arrows.
23. Sizes and locations of all stormwater drainage lines, catch basins, drywells, drainage ditches, retention basins, and culverts.
24. Location, types, and sizes of all existing and proposed landscaping and screening.
25. Location of any proposed lighting.

D. Other Information Required. In order to assess compliance with this Ordinance, the Planning Board shall require the applicant to submit the following prior to any approval by the Board:

1. Propagation map showing proposed radio frequency coverage.
2. Photographic documentation of the balloon tests.
3. The applicant shall submit written proof that the proposed use/facility complies with the FCC regulations on radio frequency (RF) exposure guidelines.
4. The applicant shall submit written proof that it has conducted an evaluation of any requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pertaining to the proposed facility, as may be required under applicable FCC rules, and the results of any such evaluation. If an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required under the FCC rules and/or NEPA, the applicant shall submit the EA or EIS to the Board prior to the beginning of the federal 30-day comment period. The Town proceedings with respect to the proposed facility shall become part of the FCC application requirements.
5. If the applicant is proposing to build a new tower, the applicant shall submit written evidence demonstrating that no existing structure can accommodate the applicant's proposed antenna. The evidence may consist of:
 - a. substantial evidence that no existing towers or structures are located within the geographic area required to meet the applicant's requirements;
 - b. substantial evidence that the applicant can demonstrate other limiting factors that render existing towers and structures unsuitable.
 - c. substantial evidence that the applicant's proposed antenna would cause electromagnetic interference with the antenna(s) on the existing towers, or that existing towers or structures would cause electromagnetic interference with the applicant's proposed antenna;

- d. information on the number of sites for wireless telecommunication facilities each provider will require;
 - e. information on sites outside of the Town for the particular coverage area that are being considered;
 - f. information on how the siting of a wireless telecommunication facility will affect the ability to allow a competitor's antennas on the same property;
 - g. information on whether any of the wireless telecommunications carriers providing service to southwestern New Hampshire use the system known as cable micro-cell integrator/headend interface converter ("CMI/HIC") which utilizes cable television lines and small transceivers mounted on utility poles to communicate with wireless telephones; and
 - h. information on whether there are any such carriers using CMI/HIC in surrounding cities and towns;
- 6. The applicant will provide the Board with studies of alternative sites in Town that have been considered for siting.
 - 7. The applicant shall submit an agreement with the Town that allows for the maximum allowance of co-location upon the new structure. Such statement shall, at a minimum, require the applicant to supply available co-location for reasonable fees and costs to other wireless telecommunication providers. An opportunity for co-location is not to be considered a justification for excessive height of towers. Co-location opportunities shall also not exclude the investigation of alternative sites.
 - 8. The applicant will provide the Board with any copies of the federal license from the FCC proving that they, or their contracted client, are eligible to deploy their systems under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.
 - 9. Upon request, the applicant will provide:
 - a. detailed maps showing all of the carrier's current externally visible tower and monopole locations in the state within a 20-mile radius, both active and inactive; and
 - b. site descriptions for each of the above locations showing the antenna height and diameter, and all externally visible structures.
 - 10. The applicant will submit an agreement to the Town to the effect that the Town will be held harmless for any extraordinary fire or safety events.

SECTION VIII: WAIVERS

- A. **General.** Where the Board finds that extraordinary hardships, practical difficulties, or unnecessary and unreasonable expense would result from strict compliance with the foregoing regulations or the purposes of these regulations may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, it may approve waivers to these regulations. The purpose of granting waivers under provisions of these regulations shall be to insure that an applicant is not unduly burdened as

opposed to merely inconvenienced by said regulations. The Board shall not approve any waiver(s) unless a majority of those present and voting shall find that all of the following apply:

1. The granting of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare or injurious to other property and will promote the public interest.
2. A particular and identifiable hardship exists or a specific circumstance warrants the granting of a waiver. Factors to be considered in determining the existence of a hardship shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. topography and other site features;
 - b. availability of alternative site locations;
 - c. geographic location of property; and
 - d. size/magnitude of project being evaluated and availability of co-location.

B. Conditions. In approving waivers, the Board may impose such conditions as it deems appropriate to substantially secure the objectives of the standards or requirements of these regulations.

C. Procedures. A petition for any such waiver shall be submitted in writing by the applicant for Board review. The petition shall state fully the grounds for the waiver and all of the facts relied upon by the applicant.

SECTION IX: BONDING AND SECURITY INSURANCE

- A.** The applicant shall provide a bond to the Town in an amount that would be sufficient to cover the costs of removal and disposal of the facility components. The Planning Board shall set the form and amount of the security. The Planning Board shall also require the applicant to submit proof of appropriate liability insurance with respect to the proposed facilities prior to construction.
- B.** The term of the bond shall be negotiated with the Planning Board. In addition, if the Board requires an engineering assessment in order to set the amount of the bond, the cost shall be borne by the applicant.

SECTION X: REMOVAL OF ABANDONED ANTENNAS AND TOWERS

Any antenna or tower that is not operated for a continuous period of 12 months shall be considered abandoned and hazardous to the public health and safety, unless the owner of said tower provides proof of quarterly inspections. The owner shall remove the abandoned structure within 90 days of receipt of a declaration of abandonment from the Town. A declaration of abandonment shall only be issued following a public hearing, noticed per Town regulations, with notice to abutters and the last known owner/operator of the tower. If the abandoned tower is not removed within 90 days, the Town may execute the security and have the tower removed. If there are two or more users of a single tower, this provision shall not become effective until all users cease using the tower.

SECTION XI: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

It shall be the duty of the Board of Selectmen, and they are hereby given the power and authority, to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. The Selectmen may appoint an agent to enforce this ordinance. Upon any well-founded information that this ordinance is being violated, the Selectmen shall take immediate steps to enforce the provisions of this ordinance by seeking an injunction in the Superior Court or by any other legal action.

SECTION XII: APPEALS

Pursuant to RSA 676:5, any decision made under this ordinance cannot be appealed to the Board of Adjustment, but to the superior court as provided by RSA 677:15.

PROPOSED IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE

Purpose: This ordinance is enacted pursuant to RSA 674:21, and in order to:

- Promote the public health, safety and welfare and prosperity;
- Ensure that adequate and appropriate facilities are available to individuals who may come to be located in the Town of Burns *L*
- Prevent scattered or premature development of land as would involve danger or injury to health, safety, or prosperity by reason of the lack of water supply, drainage, transportation, schools, fire protection, or other public services, or necessitate the excessive expenditure of public funds for the supply of such services;
- Provide for the harmonious development of the municipality and its environs;
- Ensure the proper arrangement and coordination of streets; and,
- Ensure streets of sufficient width to accommodate existing and prospective traffic.

Definitions:

Impact Fee means a fee or assessment imposed upon development, including subdivision, building construction or other land-use change, in order to help meet the needs occasioned by the development for the construction or improvement of capital facilities owned or operated by the municipality, including and limited to water treatment and distribution facilities; wastewater treatment and disposal facilities; sanitary sewers; storm water, drainage and flood control facilities; public road systems and rights-of-way; municipal office facilities; public school facilities; the municipality's proportional share of capital facilities of a cooperative or regional school district of which the municipality is a member; public safety facilities; solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, processing and disposal facilities; public libraries; and public recreation facilities, not including public open space.

Authority to Assess Impact Fees:

- The Planning Board is hereby authorized to assess impact fees, as herein defined, and in accordance with the standards herein set forth. The Planning Board shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this ordinance.

Assessment Methodology:

- The amount of any impact fee shall be a proportional share of municipal capital improvement costs which is reasonably related to the capital needs created by the development, and to the benefits accruing to the development from the capital improvements financed by the fee.
- Upgrading of existing facilities and infrastructures, the need for which is not created by new development, shall not be paid for by impact fees.

Administration of Impact Fees:

- Each in fact impact fee shall be accounted for separately, shall be segregated from the Town's general fund, may be spent upon order of the governing body, and shall be used solely for the capital improvements for which it was collected, or to recoup the cost of capital improvements made in anticipation of the needs for which fees are collected to meet.
- All impact fees shall be assessed prior to, or as a condition for, the issuance of a building permit or other appropriate permission to proceed with development.
- Between the date of assessment and collection, the Planning Board may require developers to post security, in the form of a cash bond, letter of credit or performance bond so as to guaranty future payment of assessed impact fees.
- Impact fees shall be collected as a condition for the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy; provided however, in projects where off-site improvements are to be constructed simultaneously with a project's development, and where the Town has appropriated the necessary funds to cover such portions of the work for which it will be responsible, the Town may advance the time of collection of the impact fee to the issuance of a building permit.
- The Planning Board and the assessed party may establish an alternate, mutually acceptable schedule of payment of impact fees.

Return of Impact Fee:

If the full impact fee assessed under this ordinance is not encumbered or otherwise legally bound to be spent for the purpose for which it was collected within six years, the fee shall be refunded to the assessed party, with any accrued interest.

- Whenever the calculation of the impact fee has been predicated upon some portion of capital improvement costs being borne by the Town, a refund shall be made upon

the failure of the Town Meeting to appropriate the Town's share of the capital improvement costs within six (6) years from the date of payment thereof.

Applicability:

This ordinance shall not be deemed to affect the existing authority of the Planning Board over subdivisions and site plans, including, but not limited to the authority to declare a development to be premature or scattered in accordance with the regulations of the Board and in accordance with RSA 674:36, II(a).

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

To amend Article VII, General Requirements, C. Area, Frontage, Setback, and Height as follows:

District	Lot Size	Frontage	Side Setback	Front Setback	Height
Rural/Agricultural <ul style="list-style-type: none">Existing	2 acres	200 feet	30 feet	50 feet	35 feet
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed	5 acres	350 feet	40 feet	75 feet	35 feet

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2000 TOWN MEETING

DELIBERATIVE SESSION - SESSION 1

AND MARCH 14, 2000 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS - SESSION 2

Session 1 of the 2000 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. James G. Dodge, the Town Moderator, would be presiding over his last Town Meeting as he would not be running for re-election. Jim Dodge served as the Bennington Town Moderator for 28 years. The Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The procedures and rules of conduct for the deliberative session were explained by the Moderator as mandated under Senate Bill 2 which the Town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator.

All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town & School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 14, 2000 at the Bennington Fire Station. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the eighth day of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening. You are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1 p.m. The polls will close at 7 p.m.

I. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of the March 14th elections are as follows:

Selectman - Terry D. Schnare
Moderator - John J. Cronin III
Town Clerk - Valerie Germain
Treasurer - Joyce L. Miner
Library Trustee - Virginia M. Young
Trustee of the Trust Funds - Mae Lizotte (write-in)
Cemetery Trustee - Charles E. Zabriskie Sr.
Cemetery Trustee - Jill S. Young
Supervisor of the Checklist - Victoria L. Turner
Fire Chief - Nick Collemacine
1st Deputy Fire Chief - Mark S. Chase

2nd Deputy Fire Chief - Allan D. Wilson
Water & Sewer Commissioner - John French
Planning Board - Gayle B. Rochford
Zoning Board of Adjustment - Francesco Carrara
School Board Representative - Joseph MacGregor
School Moderator - Peter Hopkins
School Budget Committee Member - Peter K. Martel (write-in)

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 955 registered voters. During election day, 18 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voter Checklist totaled 910 voters. A total of 355 voters cast their ballots in this election which was a 37% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Session Town Meeting, Session 1, was attended by 28 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated discussion on the following articles:

2. Shall the Town vote to accept funds, contributed in trust, to underwrite the cost of operating and maintaining the Police Department and acquiring personal property therefore, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen, in cooperation with the Police Chief, to expend money from said fund?

Note: Chairman Cleary spoke to the article and stated that the purpose of the article was for people who wanted to contribute funds to the Bennington Police Department and these funds would not be absorbed into the Town's general funds. No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 292 NO - 55
THE ARTICLE PASSED

3. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer and other municipal officials, in accordance with RSA 80:52-c, to accept payment of local taxes, charges generated by sale of utility services or other fees by use of a credit card (any municipality adopting this ordinance must add to the amount due a service charge for the acceptance of the card)?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article and stated that many other municipalities are accepting tax and utility payments via credit cards. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 254 NO - 89
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, and other appropriations voted separately, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling eight hundred twenty-four thousand four hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$824,428)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be seven hundred eighty-four thousand seven hundred

forty-seven dollars (\$784,747), exclusive of special articles, which is the same as last year. with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

Note: Selectman Cronin addressed the article and stated that Personnel Administration is the largest increase in the 2000 budget due to an increase in insurance benefits. This article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 235 NO - 102
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the present water line on Starrett Road?

- Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article and stated that the utility work being proposed on Starrett Road is similar to the work that was done on Dodge Hill Road in 1999. He added that replacing old water lines is recommended to prevent more costly repairs in the future. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 264 NO - 78
THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand thirty-three dollars (\$17,033.00) for the purpose converting its present municipal street lights to high pressure sodium illumination?

Note: Chairman Cleary addressed the article and stated that by converting to high pressure sodium lighting, the approximate annual savings will be \$3800.00 per year and therefore the Town will be paid back for this expense in approximately four years. From the floor, Vicki Turner addressed the article by stating that the determination which was made by the Lighting Committee, which she was on, was that the Town should not convert to sodium lighting through PSNH and passed their decision on to the Selectmen. The committee also discussed looking at the possibility of reducing the number of lights the Town currently has and perhaps putting some street lights in the Town on a timer. Other discussion from the floor indicated a voter stating that the \$17,000 was an investment which would be returned to the Town in four years and that the passage of this article would be an opportunity for the Town to move forward.

Vicki also commented that if the Town were to vote in favor of this issue, that the Town would actually end up paying the bill for the new fixtures in addition to the old fixtures that have to be removed. Chairman Cleary confirmed that this was in fact true. Vicki felt that more research should be done regarding the lighting issue and proposed an amendment in writing to the Moderator that read as follows:

“Shall the Town vote to form a committee of five (5) to study options to reduce costs of street lighting in the town?”

The amendment failed by voice vote. Being no further discussion on article six, the motion

passed to accept article six as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 88 NO - 261
THE ARTICLE FAILED

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$4,875.00) for the purpose of survey work and gravestone repairs at Evergreen Cemetery?

Note: Selectman Cronin addressed the article and stated that the bulk of the money will be used for survey work so that the Cemetery Trustees will be able to know who is buried and in what lot(s) they are buried in. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 259 NO - 86
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) for the purpose of converting two sheds at the Transfer Station into year-round storage structures for use by the Recreation Commission and other Departments?

Note: Selectmen Germain addressed the article stating that a new storage area is needed because the Town Barn is slated to be torn down within the week. He added that the Recreation Committee is in need of storage for Haunted Hayride props, and miscellaneous items as well as storage required for the Town mowers.

Betsy Chase inquired as to where these items would be stored in the event that the article be defeated and Selectman Germain replied that they would most likely be stored beneath the Town Hall in the basement. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 163 NO - 178
THE ARTICLE FAILED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) as its share of year 2000 programming for Project LIFT (Fuller Public Library, Hillsboro) which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington residents over 16 years of age?

Note: Chairman Cleary addressed this article and stated that Project LIFT supports literacy programs in Bennington. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 305 NO - 43
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00) for the purpose of replacing guardrails along the river side of Old Antrim Road?

Note: Selectman Cronin addressed the article and stated that the Board is concerned with

liabilities to the Town because of the present condition of the road and because of the lack of guardrails. This expense, he added is being undertaken to protect the Town until more extensive construction can be undertaken by the Town. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/13/00 RESULTS: YES - 255 NO - 89
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand eight hundred dollars (\$12,800.00) for the purpose of road construction along a section of West Deering Road, moving the roadbed easterly about twenty feet, away from the riverbank, over a distance of approximately four hundred feet?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article and stated that the river has eroded the bank and the shoulder of the road has been compromised. The road construction will move the road over one lane.

Betsy Chase and Joe MacGregor questioned whether our highway department would be doing the proposed work and has any plan been discussed as to how to prevent the river from eroding any more of the bank. Selectman Germain stated that estimates had been received from an outside contractor to do the work but the Town would supply gravel for the work. He replied to Joe's question by stating that the State had looked at the site and had given the Town an approximate cost in excess of \$100,000.00 to repair the riverbank erosion which the Board felt was too costly at this time to pursue. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 234 NO - 111
THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purchase of extrication equipment (power pack, cutting tools) for use by the Fire Department/Rescue Squad?

Note: Chairman Cleary addressed the article and stated that the current extrication equipment is outdated and needs to be replaced.

1st Deputy Fire Chief Mark Chase spoke to the article and stated that this article is the first phase of a four year plan to purchase the equipment. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS YES - 286 NO- 62
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town create a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the "Bridge Replacement Fund" for the purpose of replacing the Depot Street/North Bennington Road Bridge over the Contoocook River and shall it raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) representing approximately one-half of the Town's share of the cost involved, the local expense to be shared with Antrim?

Note: Selectman Cronin addressed the article and stated that the Town has four bridges

it is responsible for and that this bridge is currently in need of work. One-half of the bridge is in Antrim and the other half in Bennington. The Town of Antrim and the Antrim Selectmen have agreed to split the cost with Bennington and the State of New Hampshire should provide approximately 80% of the total cost which is estimated at \$265,000.00. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 261 NO - 77
THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend up to twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) for purchase of a 2000 replacement cruiser?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article and stated that the funds for the new cruiser will be taken from the capital reserve fund to purchase the new cruiser and that the equipment from the old cruiser will be transferred into the new cruiser. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 203 NO - 143
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund and designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for the replacement of water meters?

Note: Chairman Cleary addressed the article and stated that the Water Commissioners' determined last year that a Capital Reserve Fund should be established to maintain pieces of equipment to avoid costly repairs due to neglect. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 218 NO - 121
THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend up to forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from that Fund to replace the Town Hall roof? This is the first step in a long-range plan for repair/maintenance of the Town Hall.

Note: Selectman Cronin addressed the article stating that the Town Hall Building Committee, which was headed up by Phil Germain, had determined that replacing the roof of the Town Hall should be the first step in addressing Town Hall issues. He stated that slate is currently falling off the roof. Selectman Germain spoke further to the article stating that the roof on the Town Hall is one-hundred and twenty years old, and that the slate was put on over old wood shakes. To replace the slate with slate is cost prohibitive and the thought was to replace the slate with a forty-year architectural shingle.

He went on to state that the total cost to renovate the outside of the building is estimated

to be \$150,000, from bids received last year. Selectman Germain stated that the Building Committee would need to get back together to determine the renovations of the Town Hall. Questions raised from the floor involved the concern of the bats that were living in the Town Hall and was anything discussed at the Committee level as to how to clean up their droppings. Selectman Germain acknowledged that there were indeed bats living beneath the roof but the Committee had not discussed cleaning up the bat guano. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 245 NO - 99
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article and stated that the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund is being initiated to replenish funds as a new fire truck was purchased last year and the next fire truck to be purchased will be in the year 2007. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 278 NO - 70
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), to be added to the Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Chairman Cleary addressed the article and stated that the forest fire truck was due to be replaced next year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 248 NO - 95
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 291 NO - 57
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article and stated that this is Bennington's portion of the costs shared with Antrim. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 224 NO - 118
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 226 NO - 116
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cronin addressed the article and stated that these funds would be used for the Highway Department's tractor or backhoe. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 220 NO - 122
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund ?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article and stated that these funds would be used for the future addition/renovations to the G.E.P. Dodge Library and that Leslie MacGregor, the librarian was in the process of drafting a fundraising letter. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 255 NO - 92
THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS: YES - 212 NO - 131
THE ARTICLE PASSED

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), to be added to the Bridge Expendable Trust Fund?

Note: Selectman Cronin addressed the article and stated that this bridge maintenance is intended to extend the life of the Town's bridges. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/14/00 RESULTS YES - 217 NO - 126
THE ARTICLE PASSED

The moderator asked if there was any other business at hand to discuss and Denise French, Town Tax Collector, made a motion to speak. Mrs. French addressed the fact that it was the Moderator's last year in office as he would not be seeking another term. Denise thanked him publicly for all the years of service he has given to the Town of Bennington. All those present joined in a round of applause for the Bennington Town Moderator, Jim Dodge.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Germain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Valerie Germain
Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
03/18/00	Thomas R. Heddy	Manchester, NH	Richard Heddy	Catherine Fulkrod
04/26/00	Martha E. McKichan	Bennington, NH	Cecil Peppard	Doris Shields
04/26/00	Michael C. Cook	Peterborough, NH	Charles W. Cook	Isabelle C. Sweeney
06/18/00	Ellen M. O'Brien	Peterborough, NH	Jeremiah O'Brien	Annie O'Keefe
08/13/00	Marlene C. Sinclair	Peterborough, NH	Warren Craig Sr.	Evelyn Balch
08/24/00	Donald G. Fitzpatrick	Peterborough, NH	John C. Fitzpatrick	Clara A. Noll
10/03/00	Virginia L. Young	Peterborough, NH	Oiva S. Mattila	Helen S. Henrickson
11/13/00	Carly T. Allgood	Peterborough, NH	Joseph B. Allgood	Carol Cardone

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Valerie Germain, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
01/01/00	Rosalie E. Vinton John A. Spaulding	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
02/03/00	Lauren M. Rockwell Donald R. Leonard Jr.	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
05/27/00	Jennifer L. Uebel Matthew M. Boyd	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/24/00	Elizabeth M. Clarke Sean P. Mellen	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/25/00	Theresa J. Lagace Gerald T. Williams	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/30/00	Melissa Stevens Matthew B. Wasserloos	Fracestown, NH Fracestown, NH
10/07/00	Angela J. Stockwell Gordon W. Smart	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
11/25/00	Jessica J. Desmarais Mark J. Grendell	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/21/00	Leah K. Hubbard James S. Crooker	Bennington, NH Lyndeborough, NH
12/22/00	Carol A. Cardone James W. Cleary	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

12/24/00	Debra A. Phaneuf Norman A. Mercier	Antrim, NH Antrim, NH
12/30/00	Lori M. Peppard Keith J. Williams	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/31/00	Katherine A. Lagace Richard F. Brown Jr.	Bennington, NH Manchester, NH

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Valerie Germain, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/26/00	Dylan Scott Rochford	Peterborough, NH	Joshua and Tina Rochford
02/07/00	Faith Julia Lewis	Peterborough, NH	David and Joy Lewis
03/02/00	Charlotte Maeve Clough	Peterborough, NH	Christopher and Shelagh Clough
03/09/00	Joshua Caleb Brigham	Concord, NH	Paul and Jessica Brigham
04/14/00	Michael Glen Davison	Peterborough, NH	Roland and Tina Davison
05/12/00	Hannah Kathleen Laviolette	Concord, NH	Jeffrey and Kristin Laviolette
06/11/00	Adam Kyle Chicoine	Peterborough, NH	Richard and Amy Chicoine
07/14/00	Kyleigh Aine Daley	Lebanon, NH	John Daley and Leslie Strickland-Daley
11/27/00	Sean Patrick Constine	Concord, NH	Steven and Lisa Constine

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Valerie Germain, Town Clerk

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS
Year End Totals 2000

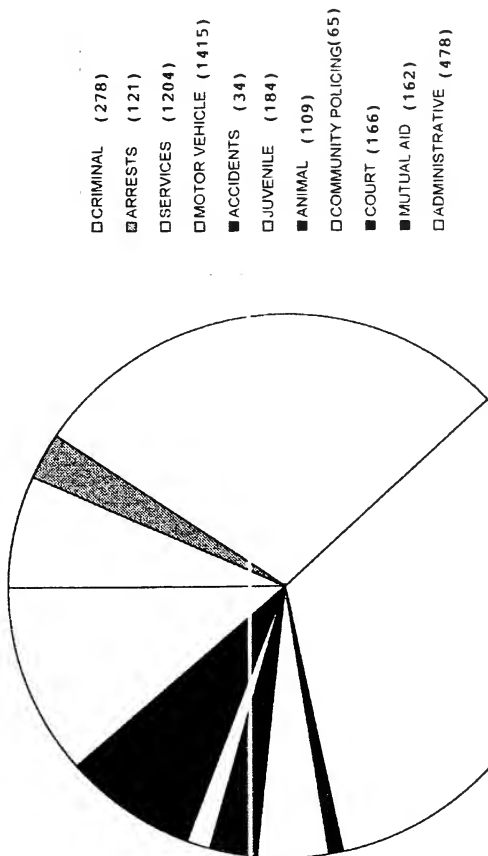
INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Officer Beauchamp	Officer Marcellino	Officer Chatel	Officer St Cyr	TOTAL
CRIMINAL						
ARSON	7					7
ASSAULT	6	2	1			9
BAD CHECKS	30	5				35
BENCH WARRANT	6	2	1		1	10
BURGLARY	2					2
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT	1					1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	12	6	4		2	24
CRIMINAL THREATENING	7		1		1	9
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1					1
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	8	5	3			16
DRUGS	8	1			1	10
DWI	6		4			4
FELON WITH WEAPON	1					1
FORGERY	1					1
FRAUD	1		1			2
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE	1	1				2
HABITUAL OFFENDER	2		1			3
HARRASSMENT	22	5	7		2	36
LITTERING	1					1
OBSTRUCT REPORT OF CRIME						0
OPEN CONTAINER	2					2
OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION	4	4	2		1	11
PROHIBITIVE SALES	2	1				3
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	14	1			2	17
PROWLER		1				1
RECKLESS CONDUCT	1	1				2
RECKLESS OPERATION	4					4
SEXUAL ASSAULT	5					5
STALKING	2					2
THEFT	21	1	3		4	29
TRESPASSING	9	3				12
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF STICKER	1					1
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RENTAL	8	2	4			14
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	2					2
TOTAL CRIMINAL	191	41	32	0	14	269
ARRESTS						
FELONY	6	1	2			9
JUVENILE ARREST	20	2			2	24
MISDEMEANOR	56	9	3		2	70
VIOLATION	7	5	5		1	18
TOTAL ARRESTS	89	17	10	0	5	121
SERVICES						
ALARM	9	3			1	13
CHECK WELFARE	6	3	2		1	12
CIVIL STANDBY	6	1	2		1	10
CITIZEN / MOTORIST ASSIST	96	36	31		12	175
CIVIL	22	6	1			29
E911	8	3	5		2	18

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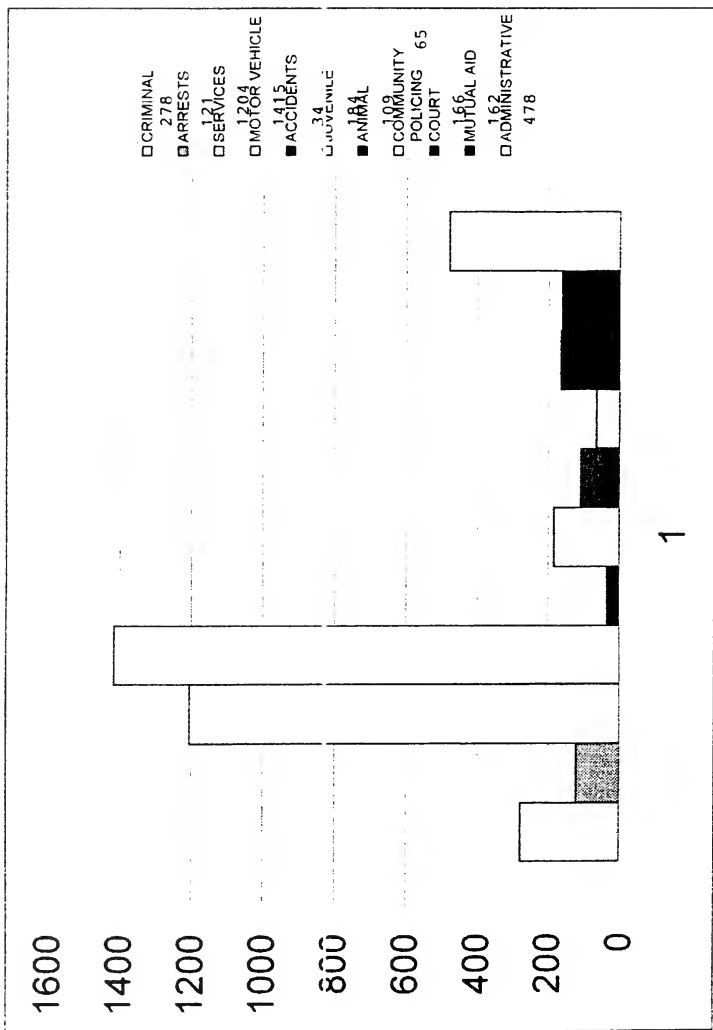
INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Officer Becueath	Officer Marcellino	Officer Chatel	Officer StCyr	TOTAL
INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT	186	58	63	1	34	342
PAPERWORK / SERVE PAPERS	40	13	7	1	5	66
PROPERTY CHECK	221	194	44		73	532
TRANSPORT		1	1			1
UNTIMELY DEATH	5					4
TOTAL SERVICES	599	318	156	2	129	1202
MOTOR VEHICLE						
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS						
WARNINGS	587	287	198	1	152	1225
SUMMONS						
OTHER	19		4		1	24
SPEED	38	12	10	1	5	66
STOP SIGN					1	1
UNINSPECTED	14	7	6		1	28
UNREGISTERED	6	1	3			10
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	664	307	221	2	160	1354
PARKING COMPLAINTS	6	2	1			9
TRAFFIC DETAIL	28	2	6		1	37
OHRV COMPLAINTS	8	3	4			15
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	706	314	232	2	161	1415
ACCIDENTS						
TOTAL MV ACCIDENTS	26	4	3		1	34
MV ACCIDENTS w/ INJURY	8	1	0			9
PROPERTY DAMAGE (\$1000+)	12	1	1			14
JUVENILE						
ASSAULT	1					2
CHECK THE WELFARE	1					1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	4					4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2					2
DRUGS	2					2
INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT	78	25	24		11	138
JV PETITIONS			1			1
JV POSSESSION CIGARETTES	5				1	6
JV POSSESSION ALCOHOL	6					6
MISSING	7	2		3		12
THEFT	1					
TRUANCY	5	2	2			9
TOTAL JUVENILE	112	30	27	3	12	183
ANIMAL						
CAT	5	2	2		2	11
DOG	51	9	14	2	1	77
OTHER	14	5	2			21
TOTAL ANIMAL	70	16	18	2	3	109

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INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Officer Beauchamp	Officer Marcellino	Officer Chatel	Officer St Cyr	TOTAL
COMMUNITY POLICING						
COMMUNITY	31	61	7		1	45
SCHOOL	15	2	3			20
TOTAL COMMUNITY POLICING	46	8	10	0	1	65
COURT						
DISTRICT	138	4	1			143
GRAND JURY	8	1				9
HEARINGS (JV AND ALS)	10		1			11
SUPERIOR	3					3
TOTAL COURT	159	5	2	0	0	166
MUTUAL AID						
ANTRIM	21	9	18		1	49
DEERING	3	1	2		1	7
FIRE / RESCUE	27	6	6			39
FRANCESTOWN	2		3			5
GREENFIELD	10	7	8		3	28
HANCOCK	13	12	6		1	32
OTHER		1	1			2
TOTAL MUTUAL AID	76	36	44	0	6	162
ADMINISTRATION						
DETAIL	30	11	5			46
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PETITION	7		1		2	10
LICENSE ACTION	52	14	3			69
MEETING / TRIP	68		1		1	70
PISTOL PERMIT	12	1				13
POLICE INFORMATION	17	7		1		25
SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION	115	63	45			223
TRAINING	14	7	1			22
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	315	103	56	1	3	478
SUMMARY						
CRIMINAL	191	41	32	0	14	278
ARRESTS	89	17	10	0	5	121
SERVICES	599	318	156	2	129	1204
MOTOR VEHICLE	706	314	232	2	161	1415
ACCIDENTS	26	4	3	0	1	34
JUVENILE	112	30	27	3	12	184
ANIMAL	70	16	18	2	3	109
COMMUNITY POLICING	46	8	10	0	1	65
COURT	159	5	2	0	0	166
MUTUAL AID	76	36	44	0	6	162
ADMINISTRATIVE	315	103	56	1	3	478
GRAND TOTAL	2389	892	590	10	335	4216
PERCENTAGE	56.7%	21.0%	14.1%	0.2%	8.0%	100.0%

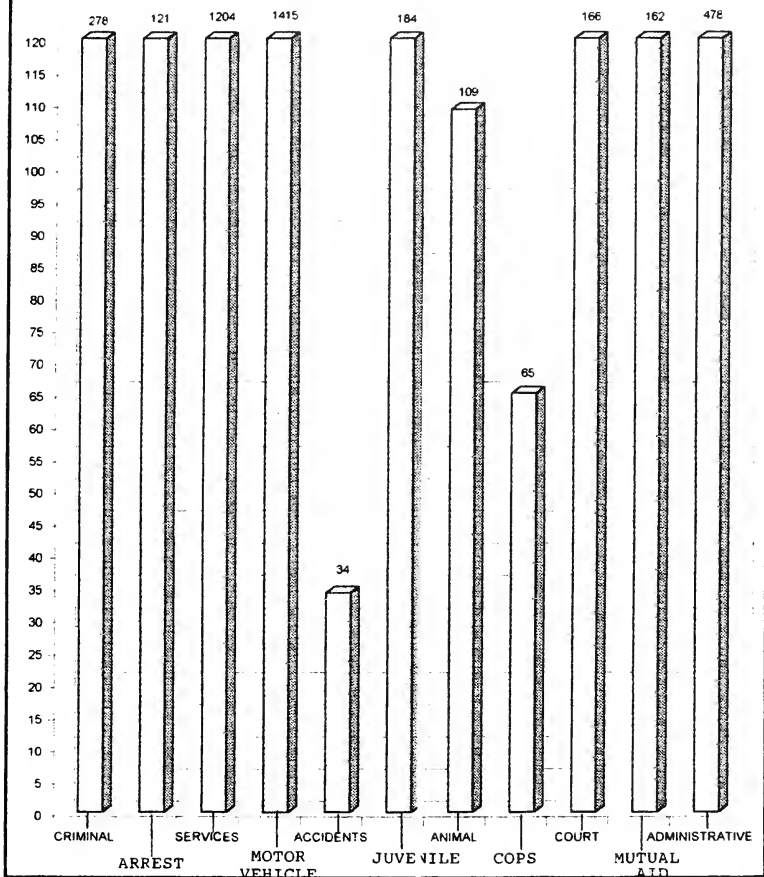


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TOWN OF BENNINGTON

TOWN OFFICE HOURS 588-2189

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday: 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to noon

*** Subject to Change after Town Meeting/Election**

MEETING SCHEDULES

Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library
Water/Sewer Com.	First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Com.	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Com.	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS 588-6585

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (staffed by volunteers)

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS 588-3407

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



.....for the twenty-eight consecutive years you have served this community as its Moderator;

.....for the countless hours you have devoted to recruiting, training, monitoring and then thanking the people who have made the election process work here;

.....for the preparation, knowledge and experience you have lent to Bennington's Town Meeting protocol, including our conversion to an SB-2 Community;

.....for the critical role you have played in development of the Bennington Budget Committee by relentless unearthing and inspiring volunteers to serve it;

.....for the conscientious, even-handed and caring manner you have presided over Town Meeting since 1973;

.....for the unmistakable authority with which you have gaveled some of us into silence during those Meetings;

.....for your sense of fairness; your honesty; your willingness to listen - even to the outrageous in us;

.....and for reminding us, by your very presence, of the obligations we all have to serve our community and thereby our fellow men and women;

Now, therefore, we, the Selectmen of the Town of Bennington proudly present you,

James G. Dodge

this Certificate of Appreciation.

Date 3-14-00

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